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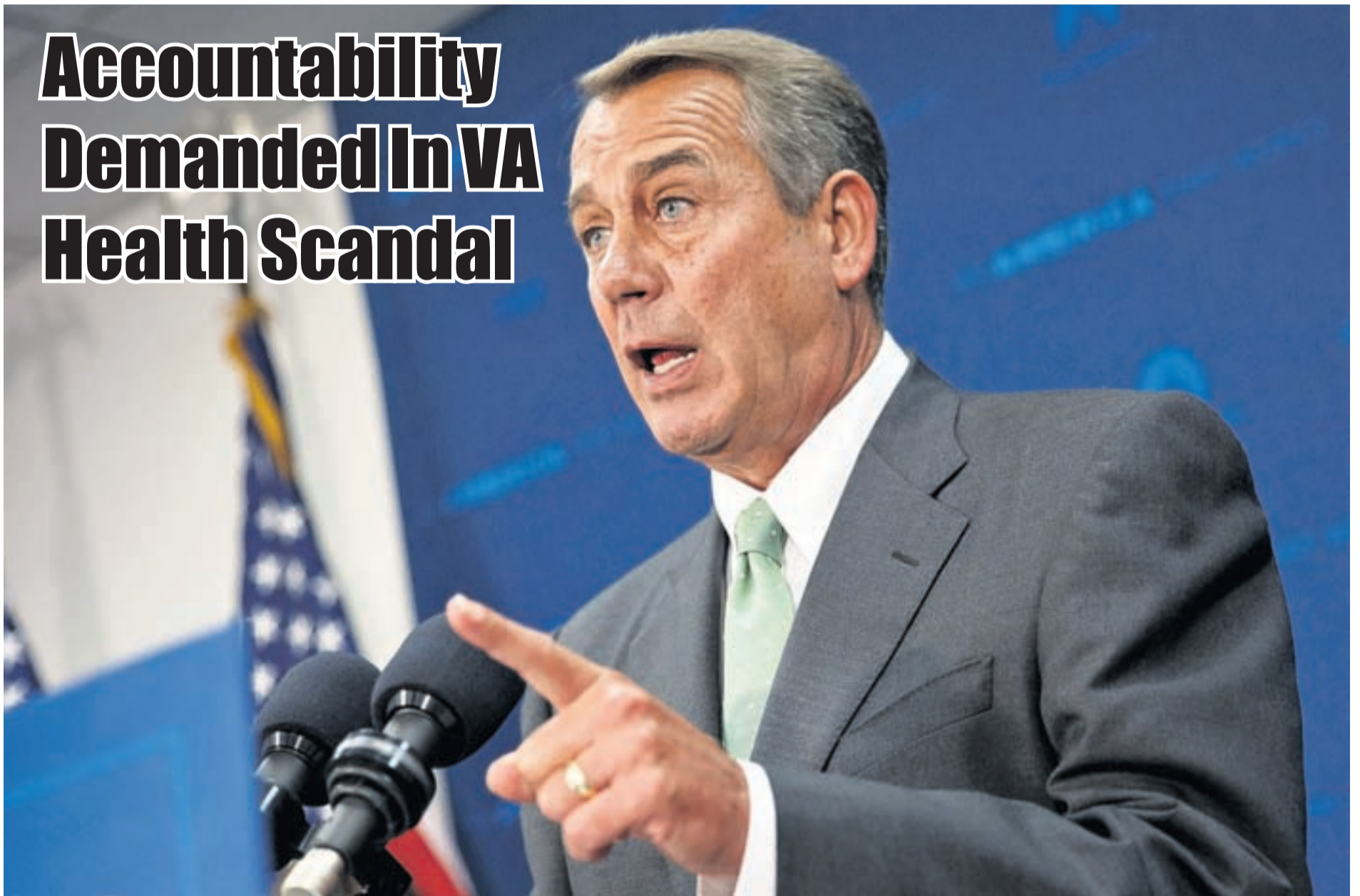
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## Accountability Demanded In VA Health Scandal



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, tells reporters that he isn't quite ready to join other members of Congress who say Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki should resign in the wake of problems with the Veterans Affairs troubled health care system, Thursday, May 29, 2014, during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Boehner said he's reserving judgment about the embattled secretary and that President Barack Obama needs to step up and show leadership on the issue.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

## Pressure builds to oust Veterans Affairs Chief

**JONATHAN WEISMAN**  
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**WASHINGTON** - With calls rising for the resignation of the secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki, the House and Senate are confronting the broadening health scandal at the department in ways

that will challenge both parties to rethink the future of the medical system for veterans.

House legislation would nudge the department toward privatization by allowing any veteran who has had to wait for care for 30 days to seek it through pri-

vate medical providers, at the department's expense. The Senate is preparing legislation that would fund as many as 27 new health care facilities within the VA system to address the backlog of care at a cost of billions of dollars.

With shockingly long wait

times at some facilities eliciting bipartisan condemnation, the next steps from Congress will hold significant ramifications for veterans' health care - and government-run health care broadly. "Certainly we ought to address the issue of personnel who made

mistakes and falsified records, but that's not going to solve the problems of veterans who've had to wait for so long," Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., said. "We have to look at the underlying problems."

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## Americans assess Cuba business climate

PETER ORSI

Associated Press

**HAVANA (AP)** — The head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce toured an auto repair cooperative and talked with newly minted private entrepreneurs this week as part of the first American trade mission of its kind to Cuba in 15 years.

Chamber president and CEO Thomas J. Donohue led a baker's dozen of U.S. business figures to assess the island's changed business climate under eco-

that don't require cash up-front.

From a high of \$962 million in 2008, U.S. sales to the island fell to \$509 million in 2012, the most recent year for which official figures are available.

Cuba's calculation is believed to be higher than the simple dollar value of the imports, apparently factoring in embargo-related losses due to unfavorable credit terms, currency exchanges and shipping complications.

Chamber officials said the

eratives are a key element of their drive to boost efficiency without abandoning entirely the socialist principles that have guided the economy for more than a half-century.

About 450 non-agricultural cooperatives are currently in operation and some 455,000 Cubans own or are employed by private small businesses, according to government figures. Donohue, who has been president of the Chamber since 1997 and last visited the island in 1999, said to-



**U.S. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Thomas Donohue, second left, talks with the press before a meeting with Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez, in Havana, Cuba, earlier this week. A U.S. Chamber of Commerce Delegation visited Cuba to explore the business climate at the island.**  
(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

conomic reforms that have included an expansion of the tiny private sector, the decentralization of state-run enterprises and a drive to lure badly needed foreign investment.

"We're very pleased to be here," Donohue said. "We're learning a lot about the changes taking place in Cuba."

Washington and Havana have not had formal diplomatic relations since the early 1960s, and the United States maintains a 52-year-old trade embargo against the Communist-run country.

Cuba buys some U.S. food and agricultural goods under an exception to the sanctions, but in recent years has increasingly turned to other countries

goal of the trip was to explore not only trade possibilities allowed under the current rules but also opportunities in a post-embargo future.

At the Havana auto body shop, which 10 months ago was converted from a state-run business to an autonomous cooperative, masked workers sanded car hoods and fenders to prepare them for fresh paint jobs as the visitors got a guided tour.

"This new model of association gives you the freedom of self-management, which allows us to do more and make decisions about our resources," co-op president Marcelo Gonzalez said. "Productivity has greatly increased."

Cuban officials say coop-

day's Cuba is "fundamentally different in terms of the number of people that are operating under the private system ... not working for the government."

The trip was criticized by some back home including Sen. Robert Menendez, a Cuban-American Democrat from New Jersey who sent a letter to the Chamber expressing concerns about strengthening trade ties to Cuba.

He alleged that several foreign businesspeople jailed alongside dozens of islanders as part of a crackdown on corruption were imprisoned "without justification," and accused Havana of violating international labor standards and oppressing fundamental human rights. □

## AROUND THE CARIBBEAN

### Cayman police probe American's death

**GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands (AP)** — Cayman Islands police said this week that they are investigating the death of a U.S. man who worked in the British territory's offshore financial sector. The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service identified the man as 38-year-old James Dean McLaughlin. He was originally from the U.S. state of Washington, but police did not provide a hometown. McLaughlin's body was found at a resort complex on the main island of Grand Cayman, where he worked as an investment analyst. Detectives are conducting inquiries into the death and an autopsy is scheduled. They did not release more specifics, saying in a statement only that it was "premature at this time to speculate on the cause of death." They appealed to anyone who may have seen or spoken to McLaughlin since May 19 to contact them. □

### Guyana sees first cases of chikungunya

**GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP)** — At least two people have been sickened by the mosquito-borne chikungunya virus in Guyana in the first locally transmitted cases in the South American country, the health minister said this week. A regional lab confirmed the virus in a 4-year-old child and a 40-year-old man in the eastern part of the country near its border with Suriname, Health Minister Bheri Ramsarran said. The government has been spraying pesticides to control the two species of mosquitoes that have spread the virus in the Caribbean since the first locally transmitted case was confirmed in the region in December. "We have been alert," Ramsarran said. "So far Guyana had been spared the brunt of this invasion but now we have discovered the first two cases." Guyana is the second place on mainland South America to report a locally transmitted case. □

### Canadian dies jumping off Jamaica cliffs

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — A Canadian vacationer has died after jumping off seaside cliffs in a western Jamaican beach town and hitting rocks, police said this week. The Jamaica Constabulary Force on Wednesday identified the dead tourist as 26-year-old Taylor Rankine. The High Commission of Canada in Jamaica did not immediately respond to a call seeking comment. Investigators in the tourist town of Negril said Rankine apparently was aiming to land in the sea on Tuesday when he jumped from coastal cliffs. He was among a group of companions. They believe the Canadian miscalculated his jump and hit rocks. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital. Negril is well-known for cliff jumping and diving. Some tourist businesses built alongside rocky cliffs market themselves with images of revelers hurling themselves off 40-foot drops into crystal waters below. □

### Earthquake rattles Dominican Republic

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)** — A 5.8-magnitude earthquake struck in the waters between the Dominican Republic and the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico on Wednesday, shaking buildings in both places. There were no reports of injuries or damage. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake occurred about 30 miles (49 kilometers) south of the popular Dominican tourist town of Punta Cana at a depth of 57 miles (91 kilometers). Authorities in the capital of Santo Domingo evacuated several buildings as a precaution. "It was pretty strong," said Marina Brugal, a 32-year-old graphic designer who works on a sixth floor. "At first, it was only a vibration, but then everything began to shake and the windows began to move." The Caribbean region experiences small earthquakes daily that people do not feel, although earthquakes of greater magnitude sometimes occur. □

# CIA winds down drone strike program in Pakistan

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**AP Intelligence Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The CIA's targeted killing program in Pakistan, once the mainstay of President Barack Obama's counterterrorism effort, is winding down.

Because of stricter rules, diplomatic sensitivities and the changing nature of the al-Qaida threat, there hasn't been a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan's tribal areas since Christmas. And American officials say opportunities for drone attacks will dwindle further as the CIA and the military draw down in neighboring Afghanistan, reducing their intelligence-gathering footprint.

"The program (in Pakistan) appears to have ended," said Peter Bergen, who has closely studied drone strikes for the New America Foundation, a Washington think tank.

U.S. officials won't go that far, but Obama announced this week a plan to pull nearly all American troops out of Afghanistan by the end of 2016. The targeted killing program in Pakistan relies on drones flown from, and intelligence gathered in, U.S. bases in Afghanistan that would then be closed.

In a major foreign policy speech at the U.S. Military Academy Wednesday, Obama said the U.S. would continue to carry out occasional drone strikes against terrorist targets, but he cited Yemen and Somalia, not Pakistan, where Hellfire missiles once rained down at a rate of two per week.

Armed U.S. drones are still flying over Pakistan's tribal areas, and CIA targeting officers are still nominating militants to the kill list, according to U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the covert program publicly. But over the last five months, no missiles have been fired.

Several factors are driving the change, U.S. officials say. Many of the senior al-Qaida figures in Pakistan

have been killed. Those who remain are much harder to target because they are avoiding mobile phones and traveling with children, benefiting from stricter targeting rules de-

signed to prevent civilian casualties. The drawdown of U.S. troops from Afghanistan has eliminated the need for "force protection" strikes against large gatherings of militants in Pakistan

suspected of plotting attacks against American troops.

Also, the tribal areas of Pakistan are no longer the hotbed of al-Qaida activity they once were. Hard

core militants from Pakistan have gone to Syria and Yemen, home to Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, which U.S. officials consider the most dangerous al-Qaida affiliate.

And Obama administration officials are pushing to have the U.S. military, not the CIA, carry out drone strikes. Since the military generally requires permission from a country to operate on its territory, most analysts don't believe it could carry out regular drone attacks in Pakistan. The CIA and the White House declined to comment.

The current drone cease fire in Pakistan is by far the longest pause since President George W. Bush ordered a stepped-up campaign of targeted strikes in that country's tribal area in the summer of 2008. The pace intensified under Obama. All told, there have been 354 strikes in Pakistan since 2004, according to Long War Journal, a website that tracks the strikes through media reports. □



**Pakistan women take part in a rally against the U.S. drone strikes in Pakistani tribal areas in Peshawar, Pakistan. The secret targeted killing program that once was the mainstay of President Barack Obama's counterterrorism effort appears to be winding down. In a major foreign policy speech at the U.S. Military Academy on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, Obama said the U.S. would continue to carry out occasional drone strikes, but he cited Yemen and Somalia, not Pakistan, where drone missiles once rained down at a rate of two per week.**

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## House Committee: schools can opt out of nutrition program

**RON NIXON**

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**WASHINGTON** - The House Appropriations Committee on Thursday passed an agriculture budget bill that included nearly \$21 billion for child nutrition that would allow schools to opt out of White House nutritional guidelines passed in 2012.

The vote was 31-18.

The Obama administration, hoping to combat rising childhood obesity, announced new rules in 2012 that added more fruits and green vegetables to school breakfasts and lunches and reduced the amount of salt and fat that children consumed at schools.

About 32 million children participate in school meal programs each day.

Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Ala., chairman of the House appropriations agriculture subcommittee, said Thursday that the provision would give schools 12 months to help them comply with the rules.

"Everyone supports healthy meals for children," Ader-

holt said. "But the bottom line is that schools are finding it's too much, too quick."

But Rep. Sam Farr, ranking Democrat on the subcommittee, called the waiver a poison that would undermine congressional efforts to provide children with nutritious foods.

Farr sponsored an amendment that would have removed the waiver from the budget bill, but it was defeated by 29-22 after nearly two hours of debate.

"This waiver gives schools an out, saying you don't have to do healthy school meals if it's hard," Farr said. It was unclear when the House would take up the bill or when the Senate would act.

Under the legislation passed Thursday, the Agriculture Department would also be required to establish a waiver process for local school districts that have found it too expensive to comply with those tougher nutrition standards. The School Nutrition As-



**A salad bar in the cafeteria at Public School 20 in New York. The House Appropriations Committee on May 29, 2014, passed an agriculture budget bill that included a provision that allows schools to opt out of White House nutritional guidelines meant to combat rising childhood obesity.**

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

sociation, a group composed of school nutritionists, praised the legislation. The group said the cost of the new rules have led to a decrease in the number of schools participating

in the federal meals programs. The group said the rules have also led to tons of wasted food because children are not eating the healthier alternatives.

"We are all working to en-

courage students to make nutritious choices, but in many school cafeterias, these regulations are hindering those efforts," said Leah Schmidt, president of the association. "School meal programs need more flexibility to plan healthy menus that appeal to students."

The Obama administration and many nutritionists say the legislation would roll back efforts to reduce the number of obese children, who are at risk of developing high cholesterol or high blood pressure.

The new rules are a major component of Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" campaign to reduce the number of overweight children through exercise and better nutrition. The first lady wrote an op-ed article in The New York Times on Thursday about "attempts in Congress to undo so much of what we've accomplished on behalf of our children."

Tom Vilsack, the agriculture secretary, said in a conference call with reporters Wednesday that the administration has added additional money in the form of grants to schools to help them purchase healthier foods. He said that claims that the nutrition rules had led to a decline in schools participating in lunch and breakfast programs were misleading and that the rules had no effect on food waste, which has been an issue since 2007, before the nutrition standards were in place.

Margo Wootan, director of nutrition policy at the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest, said the legislation is an attempt to gut school lunch and snack standards.

"We need to help schools that may struggle to implement the rules, not roll back standards," she said. "Just because math and science programs in schools are hard, you don't throw out the courses."

The rules are the first changes in 15 years to the \$11 billion school lunch program. □

## Concussion Summit highlights paradox for NFL

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**WASHINGTON** - In 2009, Roger Goodell, the commissioner of the NFL, was skewered by lawmakers on Capitol Hill for denying the severity of concussions and failing to do more to help retired players suffering from brain injuries.

Five years later,

the issue moved to the White House, with President Barack Obama on Thursday convening some of the country's top sports executives and researchers to find ways to combat the nation's growing concussion crisis.

The president's summit, intended to heighten awareness around the issue, highlighted how quickly the problem has turned into a mainstream cause and how uncomfortable the NFL's role is as the conversation escalates.

Officials at the NFL and in

other levels of the sport are increasingly confronting how to make their games safer while still retaining the speed, power and violence that make them so appealing. In doing so,

they risk alarming the athletes, their families and

fans who now see some of their favorite players with advanced dementia and committing suicide after suffering from severe mental health problems.

This dynamic has also sent shock waves through the youth sports world, where

parents are questioning whether to allow their children to take part in games that could cause them long-term damage.

Their collective decisions are likely to affect sports like football and hockey for years to come. □



**President Barack Obama applauds Victoria Bellucci, a 2014 graduate of Huntingtown High School in Huntingtown, Md., who suffered five concussions playing soccer, Thursday, May 29, 2014, in the East Room of the White House in Washington, during the White House Healthy Kids and Safe Sports Concussion Summit.**

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

# Pressure builds to oust Veterans Affairs Chief

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The scandal was amplified Wednesday with the release of a report by the department's inspector general that found wide-ranging and "systemic" abuses of its waiting lists to

medical facility in Phoenix were left off the official waiting list and that wait times were systematically understated.

Six Democratic senators, all campaigning for election this year, have called for Shinseki's resignation: Mark Udall of Colorado, Kay

ner of Virginia. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., added his voice to the growing chorus. He and Walsh are the Senate's only combat veterans.

"The systemic problems at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs are so entrenched that they re-

the House Veterans Affairs subcommittee on disability assistance will hold a hearing on the agency's performance transitioning service members to civilian life, a usually dry affair likely to be consumed with attention over the issue of wait times at veterans health care centers.

In the House, Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, and Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, also said Shinseki should step down.

For weeks, Miller had said a change at the top would only shift attention from the changes needed to address the underlying problems. The "report makes it

painfully clear that the VA does not always have our veterans' backs," said Paul Rieckhoff, chief executive and founder of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

How to fix the problem, however, is a broader political issue. House Speaker John A. Boehner of Ohio made that point Thursday morning when he again declined to call for Shinseki's resignation.

"The question I ask myself is, 'Is him resigning going to get us to the bottom of the problem? Is it going to help us find out what's really going on?' And the answer I keep getting is no," Boehner said.

"This is more than just about phony waiting lists. □



House Majority Leader Eric Cantor speaks during a news conference with House Republican leadership and veterans on Capitol Hill in Washington, May 29, 2014. Calls for the resignation of Eric Shinseki, secretary of Veterans Affairs, grew louder Wednesday after a report validating accusations against the department's hospital administrators became public.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

mask the problems of long wait times for care. The investigation's preliminary report found that 1,700 veterans at the agency's

Hagan of North Carolina, John Walsh of Montana, Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, Al Franken of Minnesota and Mark War-

quire new leadership to be fixed," Udall said. "Secretary Shinseki must step down."

On Thursday afternoon,

## US warns against indoor tanning for minors

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AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tanning beds and sun lamps will carry new warnings that they should not be used by anyone under age 18, part of a government action announced Thursday aimed at reducing rising rates of skin cancer linked to the radiation-emitting devices.

The Food and Drug Administration has regulated tanning machines for over 30 years, but for the first time the agency is requiring manufacturers to warn consumers about the cancer risks of indoor tanning. Makers of sunlamps and related devices must include

a prominent label, known as a "black box" warning, on their devices, stating they should not be used by people under 18. Additionally, manufacturers must provide more warnings about cancer risks in pamphlets, catalogues and websites that promote their products.

Those materials must warn that the devices shouldn't be used by people who have had skin cancer or have a family history of the disease.

The government action is aimed at curbing cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, which have been on the rise for about 30 years. An estimat-

ed 2.3 million U.S. teenagers tan indoors each year, and melanoma is the second most common form of cancer among young adults, according to the American Academy of Dermatology. For years, physician groups have urged the U.S. government to take action on tanning beds.

The groups cite increases in the number of skin cancer cases among people in their teens and 20s, especially females ages 15 to 29.

A spokeswoman for the American Academy of Dermatology said she hoped the federal move would spur more states to take action. □

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## White and male, Google releases diversity data

**MARTHA MENDOZA**

**AP National Writer**

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** — In a groundbreaking disclosure, Google revealed how very white and male its workforce is — just 2 percent of its Googlers are black, 3 percent are Hispanic, and 30 percent are women.

The search giant said Wednesday that the transparency about its workforce — the first disclosure of its kind in the largely white, male tech sector — is an important step toward change.

"Simply put, Google is not where we want to be when it comes to diversity," Google Inc. senior vice president Laszlo Bock wrote in a blog.

The numbers were compiled as part of a report that major U.S. employers must file with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Companies are not required to make the information public.

The gender divide is based on the roughly 44,000 people Google employed throughout the world at the start of this year. The



**Google employees work on their laptops at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. In a groundbreaking disclosure, Google on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 revealed how very white and male its workforce is — just 2 percent of its Googlers are black, 3 percent are Hispanic, and 30 percent are women.**

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

company didn't factor about 4,000 workers at its Motorola Mobility division, which is being sold to China's Lenovo Group for \$2.9 billion. The racial data is limited to Google's roughly 26,600 workers in the U.S. as of August 2013.

Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg recently said the social networking company is headed toward disclosure as well, but it was important to share the data internally first.

Apple Inc., Twitter, Hewlett-Packard Co. and Microsoft Corp. did not respond immediately to queries about possible plans to disclose data.

Bock said Google has been working to diversify, not just its offices but in the broader tech sector. Since 2010, the firm has given more than \$40 million to organizations working to bring computer science education to women and girls, he said.

The company also is working with historically black colleges and universities to elevate coursework and attendance in computer science, he said.

"But we're the first to admit that Google is miles from where we want to be, and

that being totally clear about the extent of the problem is a really important part of the solution," he said.

Gender and ethnic disparities are reflected throughout the tech industry. About 7 percent of tech workers are black or Latino in Silicon Valley and nationally. Blacks and Hispanics make up 13.1 and 16.9 percent of the U.S. population, respectively, according to the most recent Census data.

In the coming months, Google said, it will work with the Kapor Center for Social Impact, a group that uses information technology to close gender and ethnic gaps in the Silicon Valley workforce. The center will be organizing a Google-backed conference in California focusing on issues of technology and diversity.

Co-founder Freada Kapor Klein, who started the Level Playing Field Institute 13 years ago to teach and mentor black and Latino students in science and math, said Google is showing leadership "which has been sorely needed for a long time."

"Google is the company known for the moonshot, and applying that part of Google DNA to this problem is a breath of fresh air," she said. Earlier this year, the Rev. Jesse Jackson launched a campaign to diversify Silicon Valley, asking to meet with leaders of several iconic technology companies about bringing black and Hispanics into their workforce and leadership. Since then, he's been leading delegations to annual shareholder's meetings at firms including Google, Facebook, eBay Inc. and Hewlett-Packard. □

## 30 percent of world now fat, study shows

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**AP Medical Writer**

**WASHINGTON/LONDON**

**(AP)** — Almost a third of the world is now fat, and no country has been able to curb obesity rates in the last three decades, according to a new global analysis.

Researchers found more than 2 billion people worldwide are now overweight or obese. The highest rates were in the Middle East and North Africa, where nearly 60 percent of men and 65 percent of women are heavy. The U.S. has about 13 percent of the world's fat population, a greater percentage than any other country. China and India combined have about 15 percent.

"It's pretty grim," said Christopher Murray of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, who led the study. He and colleagues reviewed more than 1,700 studies covering 188 countries from 1980 to 2013. "When we realized that not a single country has had a significant decline in obesity, that tells you how hard a challenge this is."

Murray said there was a strong link between income and obesity; in developing countries, as people get richer, their waistlines also tend to start bulging. In many rich countries like the U.S. and Britain, the trend is reversed — though only slightly. Murray said scientists have noticed accompanying spikes in diabetes as obesity has risen and that rates of cancers linked to weight, like pancreatic cancer, are also rising. □



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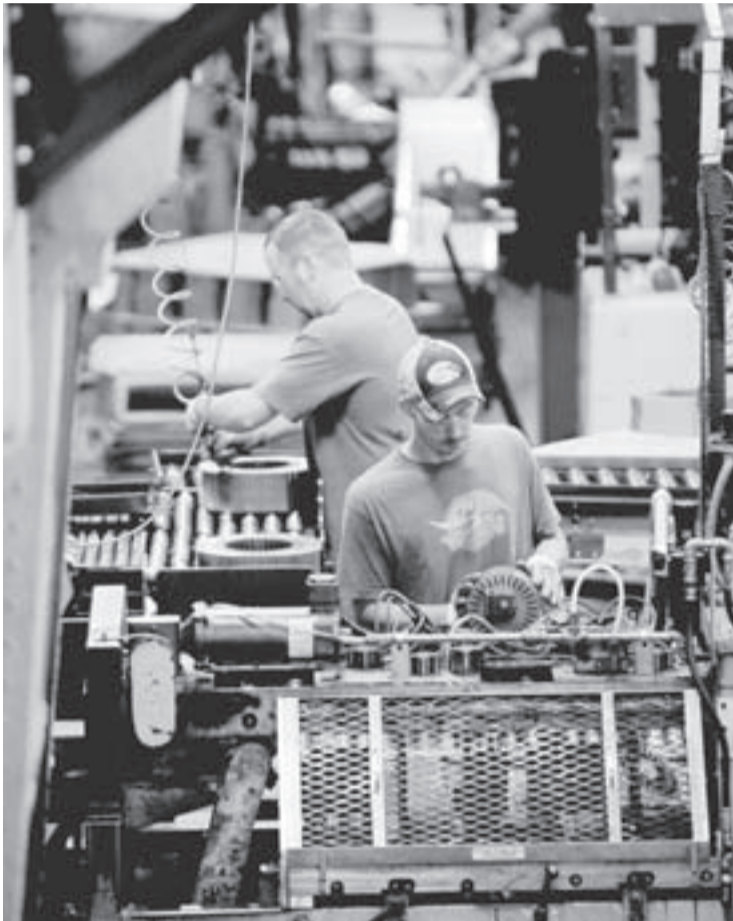
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## US Financial Front:

# American economy set for rebound after Q1 contraction



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AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. economy took a beating from an especially harsh winter during the January-March quarter, skidding into reverse for the first time in three years. But spring has arrived and along with it, signs that the chill was just a temporary setback in the long road to recovery.

Gross domestic product contracted at an annual rate of 1 percent in the first quarter, the Commerce Department said Thursday. That was worse than the government's initial estimate that GDP grew by a slight 0.1 percent. The economy last posted a decline in the first three months of 2011 when it dropped 1.3 percent.

Since then, the labor market has continued to improve, consumer spending is solid and manufacturers are benefiting from in-

creased spending. Economists expect a robust GDP rebound in the April-June quarter as a result.

"We knew that weather dramatically impacted growth in the first quarter, and we fully expect a bounce back in the second quarter," said Dan Greenhaus, chief strategist at BTIG, in a note to clients. The government released a separate report Thursday reflecting progress. Applications for unemployment benefits, a proxy for layoffs, fell by 27,000 last week to 300,000. The result is nearly a seven-year low.

Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said that the big drop in unemployment benefit applications was more significant than the latest GDP figure because "it strongly supports the idea that the labor market conditions are improving markedly, despite the weak headline

growth during the winter." Other analysts noted that consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity, was very strong in the first quarter, growing at an upwardly revised 3.1 percent annual rate. A report earlier this week showed that consumer confidence is climbing, with nearly one-fifth of Americans expecting their incomes to grow over the next six months.

And earlier this month, the Institute for Supply Management said that manufacturing grew faster in April than March as exports picked up and factories accelerated their hiring. The release Thursday was the government's second look at first quarter GDP, the country's total output

of goods and services.

The data primarily reflected a sharp slowdown in businesses stockpiling, which subtracted 1.6 percentage points from growth, a full percentage point more than the initial estimate. Analysts noted that the weaker inventory figure would likely translate into more restocking and stronger growth in the second quarter.

The trade deficit was slightly larger than previously thought. Business investment in structures fell at an annual rate of 7.5 percent in the first quarter, also worse than the initial estimate. The 1 percent decline in the first quarter was only the second negative quarterly GDP reading since the current recovery

began in June 2009. In the fourth quarter, the overall economy grew at an annual rate of 2.6 percent.

While one definition of a recession is two consecutive quarters of contraction in GDP, there is no concern that a negative reading in the first quarter is a sign the economy is about to topple into a downturn. The widespread view among analysts is that the weakness in the first quarter was based on a variety of one-time factors that will be quickly reversed as the weather warms.

Many economists estimate that GDP will post a sizable rebound to growth of around 3.8 percent in the current April-June quarter, fueled by pent-up demand. □

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# El-Sissi wins Egypt presidential election by landslide

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**CAIRO (AP)**— Nearly a year after he ousted Egypt's first freely elected president, former military chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi was elected president by a landslide of 92 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results released by his campaign Thursday. But questions over the authorities' drive to boost turnout threatened to stain his victory. New details emerged of a frantic government effort to get officials, town mayors and prominent families in southern provinces where voting was low to push up turnout during the three-day election amid a boycott by el-Sissi's Islamist foes.

After a weak first day of polling on Monday, the prime minister held a video conference with governors and senior security and military chiefs in several of Egypt's provinces, telling them to get out voters, according to three officials with knowledge of the call. Tuesday saw a flurry of free buses to polling stations in

those areas.

"People must get out. This will not do," Prime Minister Ibrahim Mahlab said in the call, according to one of

the officials, who participated in the conference. The three spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss the

med Morsi and the ensuing crackdown on his Muslim Brotherhood and other supporters. To ensure that happened,

third day to the election and gave free train and bus rides across the country to allow voters to cast ballots in home districts.

A member of el-Sissi's campaign told the AP that the threat of fines of \$70, a hefty sum to most Egyptians, was particularly effective, causing a spike in voting Tuesday evening.

But he said the third day of voting was thin and adding an extra day — a decision the campaign itself publicly objected to — did little to help. He spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the campaign's internal research.

Interim President Adly Mansour, installed by el-Sissi last July, said Thursday that turnout was 46 percent, proclaiming it showed "a broad consensus."

But the victor's sole rival in the race, left-wing politician Hamdeen Sabahi, said the figure was not credible and amounted to an "insult to the intelligence of Egyptians."

That figure was lower than the 52 percent turnout in the 2012 presidential election that vaulted Morsi to power. It also was lower than the bar el-Sissi himself set in his last campaign interview, when he said he wanted three-quarters of the country's 54 million registered voters to cast ballots so he could "show the world" his support. □



**Egypt's military chief Field Marshal Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi smiles as he speaks in Moscow, Russia. The election of Egypt's former military chief to the nation's presidency may be remembered for its central irony: He won in a historic landslide — only to shatter his image of invulnerability in the process. El-Sissi's win was never in doubt, but what the retired 59-year-old field marshal wanted was an overwhelming turnout that would accord legitimacy to his July ouster of Egypt's first freely elected president — the Islamist Mohammed Morsi — and show critics at home and abroad that his action reflected the will of the people.**

(AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

incident.

El-Sissi's victory was never in doubt, but the career infantry officer had pushed for a massive turnout as well to bestow legitimacy on his ouster last July of Islamist President Moham-

authorities declared the second day of voting a public holiday to free people to vote and threatened to enforce fines on those who did not cast ballots. Then they took the extraordinary step of adding a

## Hollande to meet with Putin next week

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PARIS - President François Hollande of France will use D-Day commemorations next week as an opportunity to assume a more direct diplomatic role in the Ukraine crisis, becoming the first European leader to meet face to face with President Vladimir Putin of Russia since the Western effort to isolate him for his annexation of Crimea.

Hollande and lower-ranking French officials have been in regular contact with Putin and his inner circle for months, and recently Hollande joined

Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany on a phone call with Putin.

Hollande's scheduled meeting with the Russian president follows France's announcement that it would honor a deal worth 1.2 billion euros, or \$1.6 billion, to deliver two Mistral-class warships to Russia even after its land grab in Ukraine, a decision that displeased France's Western allies. Presidential officials said there are now plans for a bilateral meeting on the eve of the commemorations of the 70th anniversary of the Allied landings, which will be held on June 6. Putin had long been

scheduled to attend the events, leaving French officials with the choice of disinviting Putin to a solemn occasion that would in part honor the Allies' World War II cooperation with Russia or seeing the gesture through and, it seems, turning it into a chance to ease tensions with Russia.

A U.S. State Department spokeswoman, Jen Psaki, seemed to support allowing the commemorations to go ahead as planned, when asked on May 8. "Well, our current differences over Ukraine notwithstanding, the fact remains, the United States, the United Kingdom, □



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# Rebels down helicopter; another big loss for Kiev

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**SLOVYANSK, Ukraine (AP)**

— In another devastating blow to Ukraine's armed forces, rebels shot down a troop helicopter Thursday, killing at least 12 soldiers, including a general who had served in the Soviet army and was in charge of combat training.

The loss underscored the challenge Ukrainian forces face in fighting a guerrilla-style insurgency that has proven to be an agile foe. Ukraine, meanwhile, announced that President-elect Petro Poroshenko will be sworn in June 7, less than two weeks after his overwhelming victory in special balloting that was hoped would ease tensions in the deeply divided country. Poroshenko has promised to negotiate with representatives in rebellious eastern Ukraine but also has vowed to uproot the pro-Moscow rebels who want the region to join Russia.

The Mi-8 helicopter was downed on the outskirts of Slovyansk by rebels us-

ing a portable air defense missile, according to Oleksandr Turchynov, Ukraine's acting president, in remarks to parliament in Kiev. Slovyansk, a city of 120,000

troops.

Turchynov said the helicopter was rotating troops into a checkpoint when it came under rebel fire. Among the dead was Gen. Serhiy

training Ukraine's National Guard.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the U.S. hasn't verified what happened in the incident, but

into brutal urban warfare have so far held authorities back from ordering an all-out assault.

"It is extremely difficult to fight against guerrillas. You just cannot destroy them. They are not regular troops," said Igor Sutyagin, a research fellow at the London-based Royal United Services Institute. "It's the classic problem which Russia had in Chechnya and the United States had in Vietnam."

The Ukrainian government has been waging a military campaign in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions to try to put down the uprising by gunmen who have taken over public buildings and set up checkpoints. Dozens have been killed on both sides, including on Monday, when Ukrainian forces used fighter jets and helicopter gunships to dislodge rebels from the airport outside the city of Donetsk, the regional capital.

In recent days, Ukrainian troops have been using mortars to try to retake Slovyansk, causing civilian casualties and prompting some residents to flee. The tactic has produced few immediate results other than deepening distrust toward the government in the city and instilling general fear. □



**A portrait of Igor Strelkov, military commander of pro-Russian militias in Slovyansk, and other unidentified militia members are featured on a banner installed on the administrative building in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Thursday, May 29, 2014. Pro-Russian militia in eastern Ukraine shot down a government military helicopter Thursday amid heavy fighting around Slovyansk, killing 14 soldiers including a general. Banner reads "300 Strelkov's people" paraphrasing the 300 Spartans.**

people, has become a focal point for the insurgency and has for weeks been encircled by Ukrainian

Kulchytskiy, who the Interfax news agency said had once served in the Soviet army and was in charge of

he added that Washington is concerned because it indicates the separatists still have access to advanced weapons and are getting help from outside Ukraine, alluding to Russia.

While Ukrainian forces may be better equipped than their opponents, fears the fighting could degenerate



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## Crusader against sex trafficking quits amid fabrication charges

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**HONG KONG** - A well-known Cambodian crusader against sex trafficking who attracted celebrity support to her cause has resigned from the foundation she started after being confronted with allegations that she and others connected to her group fabricated stories about their experiences as young victims of the sex trade.

The activist, Somaly Mam, resigned from the foundation that bears her name days after Newsweek reported that key assertions she made - including being sold into slavery at age 9 or 10 and spending a decade

in a brothel - were untrue. The Newsweek article also raised questions about the stories of women the Somaly Mam Foundation held up as examples of the horrors of sex trafficking, including Long Pross, who claimed to have had her eye gouged out by a pimp after being forced to work in a brothel. "While we are extremely saddened by this news, we remain grateful to Somaly's work over the past two decades and for helping to build a foundation that has served thousands of women and girls," Gina Reiss-Wilchins, the executive director of the Somaly Mam Foundation, said in a statement issued Wednesday. □

# Thailand's junta bans all anti-coup protest activities

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Associated Press

**BANGKOK (AP)** — More than 1,000 Thai troops and police sealed off one of Bangkok's busiest intersections Thursday to prevent a planned protest, as authorities said they would no longer allow any demonstrations against last week's military coup.

Truckloads of soldiers blocked all incoming roads to the capital's Victory Monument in a massive show of force at the height of evening rush hour in an area that serves as one of the city's commuter bus hubs.

More than a dozen police prisoner trucks were parked along the emptied roundabout, but there was little sign of protesters, who have come out almost daily to defy a ban on political gatherings.

A Belgian man was detained for displaying a T-shirt saying "PEACE PLEASE," and two Thai women were taken away in a police truck after they showed signs with anti-coup messages.

The anti-coup demonstrations have been generally small and mostly leaderless but protesters had planned to gather Thursday and called for a mass rally on Sunday.

Gen. Somyot Poompanmoung, the deputy national police chief, said the small protests would no longer be allowed. He said

tics, "we are ready to tackle that."

Earlier, in another part of the city, about 100 students held an anti-coup

at soldiers, and a green army Humvee was vandalized with large white letters reading, "NO COUP. GET OUT."

told foreign media that it eventually plans to hold elections, but offered no time frame or roadmap for guiding the country back to democratic rule.

"We neither have any ambition nor desire to cling to power," said Lt. Gen. Chatchalerm Chalerm-sukh, the army's deputy chief of staff.

"We will definitely have an election," he said.

But he added, "this will take some time. If you ask me how long it will take, that's difficult to answer."

The United States, a long-standing ally of Thailand, said Thursday there isn't a legitimate reason to delay elections.

"We urge the military council to facilitate an inclusive and transparent electoral process and we encourage them to do that soon," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters in Washington.

In the past week, the junta has acted to silence its critics and has warned that it will not tolerate dissent.

It has summoned more than 250 people, including members of the government it ousted and other leading political figures, journalists, scholars and activists seen as critical of the regime. Roughly 70 people are still in custody. □



Thai school girls have their photographs taken with soldiers guarding the area to prevent anti-coup demonstration at Victory Monument in Bangkok, Thailand Thursday, May 29, 2014. More than 1,000 Thai troops and police sealed off one of Bangkok's busiest intersections Thursday to prevent a planned protest, as authorities said they would no longer allow any demonstrations against last week's military coup.

(AP Photo/Wason Wanichakorn)

nine companies of soldiers and police — about 1,350 — were deployed in Thursday's operation.

"We know their rally is mainly for symbolic reasons, but it's against the law," he said.

"We have to keep the law sacred."

Somyot warned that if protesters change their tac-

test on the campus of prestigious Thammasat University which ended peacefully.

The large army deployment came a day after hundreds of protesters gathered at Victory Monument and outnumbered soldiers. Scuffles broke out in which water bottles and other objects were hurled

The mounting tension comes a week after the army seized power, overthrowing a government that won a landslide election victory three years earlier.

The army says it had to act to restore order after seven months of increasingly violent political turbulence.

Earlier Thursday, the army



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## Indigenous groups demonstrate in Brazil

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — More than 300 people of different native ethnic groups rallied Thursday in front of Justice Ministry protesting against legislation that would reduce the size of some indigenous reservations.

Images aired by the Globo TV network showed several demonstrators using face paint and headdresses and carrying bows and arrows in what Sgt. Daniel Barroso, a spokesman for the Brasilia police department, said was a peaceful demonstration by some 400 indigenous people.

He said the protesters temporarily blocked the four entrances to the ministry. The indigenous protesters were demanding to meet with Justice Minister Eduardo Cardozo to discuss the reservation-reduction legislation.

It was the second demonstration by indigenous people this week in Brazil's capital.

On Tuesday, the same groups demonstrated for the same reason and clashed with police, forcing the cancellation of a ceremony just outside Brasilia's new stadium that

will host Cup matches and where the World Cup trophy was to be exhibited.

Some demonstrators were armed with bows and arrows, and fired a few arrows at mounted police, one of which hit an officer in the leg. During Tuesday's protest the indigenous people were joined by demonstrators rallying against Brazil's hosting of the World Cup. Many Brazilians are angered about the billions being spent on the tournament, saying the money should have gone to improving Brazil's woeful public services. □



An Indian checks his bow and arrow outside the Justice Ministry, during a protest to demand the demarcation of indigenous lands in Brasilia, Brazil, Thursday, May 29, 2014. On Tuesday, the same Indians, demonstrating for the same reason, clashed with police resulting in one officer being shot in the leg with an arrow. (AP Photo/Eraldo Peres)

## Argentina agrees to pay \$9.7B to Paris Club

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**Associated Press**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina**

**(AP)** — Argentina and the Paris Club agreed early Thursday on a plan to resolve \$9.7 billion in debts that have gone unpaid since the South American nation's devastating economic crisis and default in 2001.

The Paris Club, a group of 19 lending nations that

has lent more than \$500 billion to countries in crisis since the 1950s, called the five-year payment plan a "sustainable and definitive solution" that should help Argentina normalize its relations with the international financial community.

Argentine Economy Minister Axel Kicillof highlighted that the cash deal requires no oversight from any international agencies that

would put conditions on his government's management of Argentina's economy, and reduces interest on the debt from 7 percent to 3 percent.

The deal promises a \$650 million cash transfer in July 2014 as a first step, and annual payments thereafter that Argentina will have no problem including in its debt calendar, Kicillof said. □

## Venezuela implicates US envoy in opposition plot

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**Associated Press**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — Venezuela alleged earlier this week that the U.S. ambassador to Colombia has plotted to destabilize President Nicolas Maduro's rule, adding to tensions between the two countries as the U.S. House approved a measure calling for sanctions on officials in the South American nation over human rights abuses.

The accusation was the latest in a barrage of attacks by Maduro's socialist government on the U.S., which Venezuelan leaders contend is behind three months of anti-government protests that have resulted in 42 deaths. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki called the allegation baseless and said such claims are meant to distract Venezuelans from their own government's failure to address grave economic and social problems.

Leaders of Venezuela's governing party presented what they said were emails written by ousted hard-line opposition lawmaker Maria Corina Machado to other opponents of Maduro. One message, dated March 23, says Kevin Whitaker, now the ambassador in Bogota but at the time the top U.S. State Department official for the Andean region, offered his support to the opposition, which has been seeking for months to force Maduro to step down. "Kevin Whitaker reconfirms his support and indicated new steps," according to the purported Machado email, which was addressed to a former opposition lawmaker, Gustavo Tarre. "We have a stronger checkbook than the regime to break the international security ring they've constructed giving away all of the Venezuelans' money." No information was given on how the apparently private emails were obtained, and no evidence was presented on their authenticity. At a news conference surrounded by Cabinet officials, Jorge Rodriguez, mayor of downtown Caracas, said only that the emails were part of a criminal investigation. Machado strongly rejected the charge, calling it an attempt to intimidate her. She said she filed a complaint with the Prosecutor General's Office charging the evidence had been fabricated and was an incitement to hatred. "It's a tragedy what we have seen today," she told reporters.

Another email presented by Rodriguez discusses the need to "annihilate" Maduro. "We have to clean up this rubbish, starting at the top, taking advantage of the global climate provided by Ukraine and now Thailand," said the email dated May 23.

Machado told reporters she had no desire to see the president violently removed from office, just to see him step down. "Neither assassination, nor coup d'etat, your resignation for the good of Venezuela," she said of Maduro.

Machado is one of Maduro's fiercest adversaries and a divisive figure even within the Venezuelan opposition for having called for mass street protests in February just two months after the government prevailed in mayoral elections. □



## Memorial Day 2014 Honored on the Beach at Costa Linda



**EAGLE BEACH** - A touching ceremony took place on the Costa Linda Beach Monday morning at 10am to pay tribute to fallen comrades in arms on American Memorial Day. A group informally dubbed "the Costa Linda vets," consisting of Frank Nini, Bobby Nadal and Griff McElroy, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, were joined by their good friends. The event has grown annually in attendance since their first observance in 2004. This year the group wel-



comed scores of participants, and, as was their wish, from various armed

services, as the Costa Linda Vets assert their remembrance for Veterans world-



wide. The five-minute ceremony was called to order promptly. It included a "presentation of arms" by

"the detail" of 75 actual veterans who attended followed by a short section from the poem "The Fallen" by Robert Lawrence Binyon read by Rod Mandler, while Griff Mc Elroy placed the memorial wreath out to sea followed by another poem in remembrance by Maureen Nadal & finished with a rendition of taps and a salute of respect. The Costa Linda Vets expresses their gratitude to all those who came to share the moment; those attending, many with tears in their eyes, came to thank them in return for making the effort to provide this annual tribute. □



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**PALM BEACH** - Last week the Aruba Marriott welcomed famous Dutch singer Pearl Jozefzoon together with husband Renze Klamer. The couple enjoyed their honeymoon in Aruba and stayed at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. This is Pearl's second visit and Renze's first visit to the island. During their stay they enjoyed a romantic sunset dinner at Simply Fish to celebrate their marital bliss.

Pearl Jozefzoon is well known due to her participation on the first season of The Voice of Holland and was the second place winner of the competition. In addition, Pearl won Van Popster Tot Operaster,

achieved second place in the National Song Festival and will star in the Holland musical Dream Girls, playing the role of Beyoncé.

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## Post Aruba employees successfully finalize money laundering course

**ORANJESTAD** - From December 2013 till March 2014, Staff and Management of Post Aruba that offer Postal Financial and Western Union services followed a course that focused on the reason and importance of compliance in fighting money laundering and terrorist financing. This course was provided by Compliance Services Caribbean. Different themes in the money laundering and terrorist financing field together with an interactive exchange between participants, and different practical cases were discussed. This course ended with a test, which all participants completed successfully.

The themes that were treated were: Compliance knowledge with focus on money laundering and terrorist financing, Ethics and compliance principles, What is my roll?, Disciplinary actions and internal norms, and Action plan and monitoring.

At the end of the course all participants recognized that they now have more knowledge and are more aware of the money laundering and terrorist financing theme.

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## South Carolina Group Tours Aruba, Sings for Prime Minister



**ORANJESTAD** - The Riverside Boys, a South Carolina based Gospel singing group, normally perform for the usual church crowds in North and South Carolina. But when Team Aruba's Bobby Hicks talked the group into a trip to Aruba, they jumped at the chance. The quartet first went to The One Happy Island back in October. Recently, they took friends – about 29 in all – and went again. More and more people make The One Happy Is-

land their vacation destination year after year. The ongoing efforts of Team Aruba have brought greater attention to their island. Word of mouth has spread throughout the drag racing industry and beyond, as one vacationer leads to another. Although Hicks, who manages Team Aruba operations in the states, is a South Carolina resident he also loves to promote Aruba, just like the rest of his Team Aruba counterparts. Throughout their travels

and wherever they go, this drag race team spreads the word on the secret of Aruba's friendly people, relaxing beaches and breathtaking scenery.

The Riverside Boys and friends were able to enjoy all of this, as well as perform twice, and all agreed that Aruba was a place they must visit again. Members of the group recounted singing for the Prime Minister as one of the highlights of the trip, but were also unanimous that the entire trip was one to remember.



"It's a place where you can really go to relax and relieve stress because it's just so laid back," told Hicks. "All the people are just super fantastic. They treat you like royalty. You can really relax and enjoy yourself. You really can't explain the feeling you have once you get on the island. No one is hassling you." Hicks, who has been to Aruba multiple times, said one of his favorite parts is snorkeling and seeing all the wildlife in the ocean. "All 29 are ready to go back and we didn't have one minute's trouble. You can tell the Lord had His hand on it. It was just awesome and amazing." Pattie Parker, whose husband sings bass for the group, echoed Bobby's sentiments on the people of Aruba: "I've been to all the islands. This was absolutely the best. The people there are the sweetest. It was just awesome. I've done a lot of traveling, but this was top of the line for me as far as the caring people and reception we received. "It's kind of like going home. It was the most awesome trip. I've been to Germany and France, but this was the most rewarding for

me." During their two concerts, one for the Prime Minister and officials and one at a popular mall, the Riverside Boys performed for over 2000 people. The group also provided face painting for children and handed out Bibles and literature sharing the love of God. While the Riverside Boys were the main performers, six others from their group joined them in singing for The One Happy Island. Luke Jenkins was one of these six. He recommends Aruba as a vacation destination for any and all, saying that the people of Aruba are the friendliest he's ever met. He also made special mention of Aruba's drinking water. Aruba uses a special process to make their water, purifying the ocean water for a chemical-free, delicious and refreshing result. From the crashing waves and natural rock bridge area along the windward coast, to the pristine beaches on the west side, Aruba is truly a thing of beauty for all to behold. Team Aruba, whether at the track or simply in their day to day lives, is always quick to share their love of The One Happy Island. □

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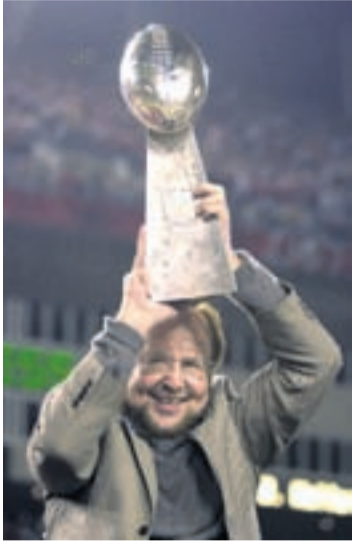
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## Man U and NFL team owner Glazer dies at 85

FRED GOODALL

**TAMPA, Florida (AP)** — Malcolm Glazer, the self-made billionaire who led the takeover of English football's Manchester United and owned the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, has died. He was 85.

The Bucs said Glazer died Wednesday. The reclusive Palm Beach, Florida, businessman had been in failing health since April 2006 when a pair of strokes left him with impaired speech and limited mobility in his right arm and leg. Glazer raised his profile in 2005 with a \$1.47 billion takeover of Manchester United that was bitterly opposed by fans of one of the world's richest football clubs. Before that, his unobtrusive management style helped transform the Bucs from a laughingstock into a model franchise that in 2003 won the Super Bowl 48-21 over the Oakland Raiders.

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## SWINGIN' SINGLE

## McIlroy has 3-shot lead at Memorial

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, tees off on the fifth hole during the pro-am for the the Memorial golf tournament Wednesday, May 28, 2014, in Dublin, Ohio.

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## NBA Playoff

# Pacers stay alive with Game 5 win over Heat

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**AP Sports Writer**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Paul George scored 31 of his 37 points in the second half, including 21 in the fourth quarter, and almost single-handedly kept the Indiana Pacers alive in the NBA's Eastern Conference finals with a 93-90 victory over the Miami Heat on Wednesday.

The Pacers still trail 3-2 in the best-of-seven series. Game 6 will be played Friday night in Miami.

It took a frantic effort just to extend the series, even with the foul-plagued LeBron James held to just seven points in 23 minutes. Chris Bosh led the Heat with 20 points, but missed a potential go-ahead 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

Indiana turned a 50-41 deficit into a 64-57 lead after three quarters, then led by as many as 11 in the fourth. Miami's last-ditch rally made it 91-90 with 16 seconds to go, but Indiana



Indiana Pacers forward Paul George dunks against the Miami Heat during the second half of Game 5 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals in Indianapolis, Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

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managed to hold on to force a Game 6.

George's 21 fourth-quarter points were the most ever scored in one quarter of a playoff game against Miami. The previous best was 20 by the Bulls' Michael Jordan in May 1997.

"We just played. Our backs are against the wall right now so that's all we can do," George said. "We were in a position that if we lost this game, we're going home so I think that was in the backs of everybody's minds."

David West added 19 points for the Pacers and Roy Hibbert had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Miami will now try to clinch its fourth straight Eastern Conference title at home.

The Pacers played like a desperate team trying to save their season. They chased shooters all over the floor, ran down loose balls, even put themselves in harm's way. Lance Stephenson appeared to hurt

his left shoulder in the third quarter after a hard fall and still finished the game. Until George came alive in the second half, it looked like the Heat would close out the series with a fourth straight win.

But unlike Game 2, when the Pacers couldn't stop Dwyane Wade and James late, the Pacers fended off the closing charge from the two-time defending champs — barely.

George's incredible ability to hit big shot after big shot and a defense that refused to give the lead away late eventually saved the Pacers, and only after they twice failed to take advantage of James' absence in the first half. The Pacers finally figured it out midway through the third.

"I just felt it. I felt in rhythm. I had to be aggressive," George said. "I tried to come out and be aggressive to start this game off and I was getting looks. I got hot."



Chicago Blackhawks center Michal Handzus (26) scores the game-winning goal to defeat the Los Angeles Kings 5-4 in the second overtime period in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals in the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, in Chicago.

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**AP Sports Writer**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Michal Handzus scored at 2:04 of the second overtime as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Los Angeles Kings 5-4 in Game 5 on Wednesday to stay alive in the NHL's Western Conference finals.

Brandon Saad made a nice pass to the middle, and the

oldest player on the ice beat goaltender Jonathan Quick with a backhand for his second goal of the playoffs. The 37-year-old Slovak center celebrated by pounding the boards behind the net as the sell-out crowd of 21,871 roared. Saad had a goal and two assists for the defending Stanley Cup champions,

## NHL Playoff

# Blackhawks beat Kings 5-4 in 2OT to stay alive

who ended a three-game losing streak. Brent Seabrook, Johnny Oduya and Ben Smith also scored, and Patrick Kane set a playoff career high with four assists. "Saad, two guys went on him and I got open," Handzus said.

"I was surprised I got open like that but he waited and waited and gave me a great pass."

Game 6 is Friday night in Los Angeles. The Kings now lead the series 3-2.

"We go home and we come out with a better effort," Kings defenseman Jake Muzzin said. "We've got some experience and veterans in here who know what it takes to stop it."

Marian Gaborik and Dustin Brown each had a goal and an assist, and Jarret

Stoll and Tanner Pearson also scored for the Kings, who led 4-3 after two periods. It was Gaborik's NHL-best 11th playoff goal.

Quick and Chicago's Corey Crawford each stopped 40 shots.

Los Angeles was in position to advance to its second Stanley Cup final in three years before Smith drove to the net and swept in a rebound 1:17 into the third. Smith's third goal of the playoffs set the stage for a frantic finish as both sides pushed for the winning score.

Kings center Stoll was sent off for tripping with 3:11 left in the third, giving the Blackhawks a prime opportunity to move in front. Quick stopped Kane on a big slap shot, and then

turned away Bryan Bickell in front to keep it tied at 4. Quick made another solid stop on Marian Hossa in overtime, and the loose puck was swept away by the Kings. Los Angeles star Anze Kopitar had a chance to win it about 9 minutes into the first overtime but his shot went off the side of the net.

Crawford also had a kick save on Stoll in the first overtime after Chicago captain Jonathan Toews turned it over in the Blackhawks' zone.

"Overtime, I've seen a lot of games, been involved in a lot of games," said Chicago coach Joel Quenneville, a former NHL defenseman. "That might have been the greatest overtime I've seen."

# Rory McIlroy keeps on rolling at Memorial

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AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) —

Whether it's his health or his personal life, Rory McIlroy is not easily distracted when he's on top of his game.

McIlroy made two eagles and three birdies on the back nine at Muirfield Village — along with a double bogey — on his way to a 9-under 63 and a three-shot lead Thursday after the opening round of the Memorial.

A week ago, McIlroy began his week at Wentworth by announcing he and tennis star Caroline Wozniacki had broken off their engagement. Then, he went out and won the BMW Championship for his strongest win in more than two years.

At the Memorial, McIlroy caught his spikes in the turf on his second shot at the seventh hole and felt pain the rest of the round, particularly when he had to put a little extra pop into tee shots or long irons. He was limping when he walked off the stage after talking about how he made five birdies and two eagles after hurting his knee.

It was the lowest opening round in 39 years at the Memorial. "I don't think it's anything more than just being confident with my game," McIlroy said. "I was expecting this to happen. I've been playing well. I've been posting good numbers, good rounds. And I knew my game was close. And honestly, I don't think it's anything to do with what's happening off the golf course. It's just I've been trending in the right direction, and it's starting to all come together."

Masters champion Bubba Watson, Chris Kirk and Paul Casey each had a 66 while playing in calmer and slightly softer morning conditions. Keegan Bradley was at 67, notable not because it was his best score at Muirfield Village but because it was his first time in his four years on the PGA Tour that he did not use a belly putter.

Adam Scott, who won at Colonial last week in his de-

but at No. 1 in the world, lost momentum with a shot into the water for double bogey on No. 9, and he missed some birdie and eagle chances on the back nine that would have allowed him to stay close with McIlroy. He settled for a 69.

Phil Mickelson also looked sharp — at least for 15 holes. He was at 5 under after a birdie on the 15th hole — at the time, just one shot out of the lead. But he hit into the water on the par-3 16th and did well to escape with bogey. He came up short on the 17th and muffed two flop shots on his way to double bogey. And he finished with another double bogey by three-putting the 18th. That gave him a 72.

The course began to get firm under a hot sun late in the afternoon, which didn't appear to bother McIlroy. Jordan Spieth picked up birdies on the par 5s, had a good par save on the 16th and squeezed out a 69 that left him pleased.

McIlroy was more than nine shots better than the field average. His only scare came on the seventh hole when his spikes caught and applied a little more torque on his knee. McIlroy said he had never experienced that before, but he thought some ice and work in the fitness trailer should take care of it.

"The inside of it is sore, a little swollen," McIlroy said. "Some treatment and I should be fine for the morning."

The golf after that was simply spectacular.

From the deep rough right of the 10th fairway, he hammered a shot to the middle of the green and it caught a slope and settled 4 feet away. He hit 4-iron to 25 feet on the par-5 11th and holed a 25-foot birdie putt in the center of the cup. He holed a tough 15-foot birdie on the 13th, and then hit a towering 5-iron to 15 feet on the par-5 15 for another eagle. McIlroy picked up his final birdie with a 12-foot birdie after a great tee shot to the deceptively tough front pin on the par. □



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, hits out of a bunker on the 18th hole during the first round of the Memorial golf tournament Thursday, May 29, 2014, in Dublin, Ohio.

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# Howard's 3-run HR lifts Phillies over Rockies

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**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Ryan Howard hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Philadelphia Phillies to a 6-3 win over the Colorado Rockies in the National League on Wednesday.

Chase Utley hit a tying, RBI single off Boone Logan before Howard drove one out to left-center for his fifth career walk-off homer.

Closer La Troy Hawkins (2-1) got the first out in the ninth before Tony Gwynn Jr. reached on second baseman D.J. LeMahieu's throwing error. Ben Revere then followed with a single to right before Logan entered and allowed Utley's line-drive single to right that scored Gwynn.

Howard then connected on a 2-2 pitch for his ninth homer.

Jonathan Papelbon (1-1) tossed a perfect ninth for the win.

**BREWERS 8, ORIOLES 3**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Yovani Gallardo earned a victory



**Philadelphia Phillies' Ryan Howard hits the game-winning three-run home run off Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Boone Logan during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, May 28, 2014, in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 6-3. At right is catcher Wilin Rosario. Associated Press**

with his arm a day after getting a win with his bat as Milwaukee overcame two home runs by Nelson Cruz to beat Baltimore in an interleague matchup.

Ryan Braun hit an early two-run double and Khris Davis added a three-run

homer in the eighth.

Cruz hit two solo shots and leads Major League Baseball with 19 home runs.

On Tuesday night, Gallardo delivered a game-winning RBI double as a pinch-hitter in the 10th inning.

Back on the mound, Gal-

lardo (3-3) gave up three runs on four hits and five walks in 6 2-3 innings. He also went 1 for 2 at the plate.

Braun's double in the second inning helped the Brewers build a 4-1 lead against Bud Norris (3-5).

**DIAMONDBACKS 12, PADRES 6**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Chase Anderson became the first Arizona pitcher to win his first three career starts and the Diamondbacks set a first-inning team scoring record with eight runs on eight hits. Rookie Tommy Medica fell a single shy of becoming the first Padre to hit for the cycle. Prado and Paul Goldschmidt both hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs for Arizona. Diamondbacks rookie Chris Owings had his first MLB four-hit game.

Arizona, taking two of three from the Padres, chased starter Tim Stauffer (2-1) after one-third of an inning.

Anderson (3-0) got big support for the second straight outing. The Diamondbacks scored 18 runs for him in his previous start.

**REDS 3, DODGERS 2**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Brandon Phillips hit a two-run homer against Clayton Kershaw and Homer Bailey pitched seven effective innings to lead Cincinnati. □



**Toronto Blue Jays' Kevin Pillar, right, celebrates scoring the winning run with teammates Jose Reyes, left, and Melky Cabrera during ninth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Toronto on Wednesday, May 28, 2014. The Blue Jays won 3-2. Associated Press**

**The Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Pinch-runner Kevin Pillar scored the winning run on a throwing error by pitcher Juan Carlos Oviedo and the Toronto Blue Jays won their ninth straight game and completed a sweep of Tampa Bay, beating the Rays 3-2 in the American League on Wednesday.

Dioner Navarro singled to begin the ninth and was replaced by Pillar. Oviedo

fielded Anthony Gose's bunt along the first base line and threw wildly to first, with the ball rolling into foul territory down the right field line. Pillar was then waved home by third base coach Luis Rivera and slid home safely under the tag of catcher Ali Solis.

Aaron Loup (2-1) worked one inning for the win as Toronto won for the 14th time in 16 games.

Oviedo (1-1) faced just two

batters.

**RED SOX 4, BRAVES 0**

**BOSTON (AP)** — John Lackey pitched neatly into the seventh inning as the Red Sox beat the Braves, their third straight victory after their longest losing streak in 20 years.

Jackie Bradley Jr., A.J. Pierzynski and Jonny Gomes each had had two hits and an RBI as the Red Sox extended their mastery over the Braves after beating them in Atlanta on Monday and Tuesday nights. Boston is 18-6 since 2005 against Atlanta.

Lackey (6-3) combined with three relievers for Boston's first shutout of the season. He gave up eight hits, struck out nine and walked none in 6 1-3 innings.

Boston's winning string has come after a 10-game

skid.

**RANGERS 1, TWINS 0**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Joe Saunders made an impressive return to the Texas rotation and Luis Sardinas drove in the only run of the game to lift the Rangers to a victory over the Twins.

Saunders gave up five hits and struck out six in five innings after being activated from the 15-day disabled list earlier in the day.

Sardinas had a two-out single off struggling Twins reliever Jared Burton (1-2) in the seventh inning to help propel the Rangers to their seventh win in the past 10 games.

Kyle Gibson gave up six hits and struck out four in six scoreless innings, but the Twins left nine runners on base and went 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position.

Joe Mauer went 0 for 4.

**WHITE SOX 3, INDIANS 2**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Moises Sierra drove in the winning run with a single in the ninth inning, and the White Sox beat the Indians to complete a three-game sweep.

Chicago's Hector Noesi and Cleveland's T.J. House each came through with dominant starts. The Indians' Jason Giambi hit his 440th homer, but the White Sox came away with their seventh win in 10 games.

The Indians had just scored a run in the top of the ninth off Ronald Belisario (3-3) when the White Sox answered in the bottom half against Bryan Shaw (1-1). Third baseman Mike Aviles bounced the throw to first on Tyler Flowers' leadoff grounder. □

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# Blue Jays beat Rays 3-2 for 9th straight win



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## Nadal mulls tennis' future after French Open win

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**PARIS (AP)** — Shortly after winning for the 61st time in his 62nd match on the red clay at Roland Garros, Rafael Nadal took a moment to look at the future of tennis.

And the top-seeded Spaniard doesn't see himself in the picture. Or Roger Federer. Or Novak Djokovic. Or Andy Murray.

True, Nadal advanced to the third round of the French Open on Thursday, beating a 20-year-old Austrian in straight sets. But it's that same 20-year-old Austrian, Dominic Thiem, who is one of the men who could start winning the major titles that have been so elusive to almost everyone outside that famous quartet.

Together, they have won 34 of the last 36 Grand Slam titles.

But, to drive home his point, Nadal notes he's almost 28 while Djokovic and Murray are 27 and Federer is "I don't know, 32."

"(We're) not going to be here for 10 more years," he said.

The eight-time French Open champion followed that last statement with a chuckle, probably because he quickly realized how ridiculous that kind of prognostication sounds after his 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 win over Thiem.

It was, however, quite a contest on Court Philippe Chatrier, the main stadium at Roland Garros and Nadal's favorite place to play. Thiem broke Nadal's serve twice, once in the first set and once in the third. The first time, Nadal was serving for the set at 5-1 and leading 40-30, but Thiem hit three straight thunder-



Spain's Rafael Nadal clenches his fist after defeating Austria's Dominic Thiem during the second round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Thursday, May 29, 2014. Nadal won 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Associated Press

ing shots into the same corner, the first a backhand the next two forehands, to make it 5-2.

"He has very powerful shots," said Nadal, who can become the first man in history to win five straight French Open titles with another victory this year. "Very powerful forehand and good backhand, too." Good, for sure, but not yet good enough to take down Nadal.

"It's really important to play against these guys a lot, against these top guys because it's more important than every practice," said Thiem, playing in only his second Grand Slam tournament. "I hope I can take a lot with me from this match."

The three other old-timers have also reached the third

round, with Murray beating Marinko Matosevic 6-3, 6-1, 6-3. Despite the lopsided score, Murray still had to work to keep himself sharp, at times chastising himself out loud for all to hear. "From a player's perspective ... the beginning of sets are very important to try and get ahead whilst the opponent's head is down a little bit," Murray said. "I was just trying to make sure that my intensity was there every moment, especially at the beginning of the sets. I managed to get ahead early in all of them, and that helped."

Murray has never won the French Open, nor has anyone else in the men's draw besides Nadal and Federer. But the Wimbledon champion reached the semifinals at Roland Garros in 2011

and the quarterfinals in 2012. He missed last year's tournament because of a back injury.

The women's tournament started with six former champions in the main draw, and three remain — Maria Sharapova, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Ana Ivanovic.

Kuznetsova and Ivanovic won second-round matches Thursday. Sharapova advanced on Wednesday and will play again Friday. But the one player just about everyone expects to see holding the trophy yet again at Roland Garros is Nadal, the only man with eight major titles from the same Grand Slam tournament.

Nadal's only loss at Roland Garros came in the fourth round in 2009, a result that

split his eight titles into two neat groups of four. And his start so far this year is already a tad better than the one last year, when he needed four sets in the first round and four in the second to advance.

"No one year is the same, no, no, no," Nadal said. "No, no, no, doesn't mean nothing, doesn't mean nothing that last year I (started with) a very hard week, but I played well when I had to play well." In the third round this year, Nadal will face Leonardo Mayer, a 27-year-old Argentine who has lost in his two other attempts to reach the fourth round at Roland Garros.

Should be another easy victory for Nadal, but who knows how long those will last. □

## SPORTS BRIEFS

# WNBA Roundup McBride lifts Stars to win over Shock

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Kayla McBride scored a season-high 30 points, including hitting the game-winning 3-pointer with 13.4 seconds left, to lead the San Antonio Stars to an 82-79 win over the Tulsa Shock in the WNBA on Tuesday. Odyssey Sims' 3-point attempt at the buzzer rattled off the rim, giving San Antonio its second victory over Tulsa at home this month. McBride finished 10 for 14 from the field, including 4 for 6 on 3s. Danielle Adams added 10 points for the Stars, while Glory Johnson had 18 points to lead winless Tulsa. □

# MLS Roundup Adi scores twice, Timbers beat Chivas

**CARSON, California (AP)** — Fanendo Adi scored his first two Major League Soccer goals to help the Portland Timbers beat Chivas USA 2-0 on Wednesday. Portland won its second straight game and third in its last five. Chivas remains in last place in the Western Conference.

Former Chivas midfielder Jorge Villafana helped create the first goal when he ran down the left flank in the 65th minute and passed to Adi for a shot from 10 yards out. Adi doubled Portland's advantage in the 71st minute on a breakaway goal.

The Nigerian striker joined the Timbers earlier this month on loan from Danish first-division side FC Copenhagen. He made his first Timbers start against Chivas. □

# Arredondo wins 18th Giro stage; Quintana in lead



**Julian Arredondo celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the 18th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race, from Belluno to Rifugio Panarotta, Italy, Thursday, May 29, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

**RIFUGIO PANAROTTA, Italy (AP)** Julian Arredondo claimed the biggest win of his career with a solo victory on the 18th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Thursday, while Nairo Quintana retained the overall leader's pink jersey as the race returned to the mountains.

The 25-year-old Arredondo had been part of a breakaway and made his move with just under four kilometers (2.5 miles) remaining to ride alone up the summit finish to Rifugio Panarotta.

The Colombian had time to raise one arm into the air as

he crossed the finish line, 17 seconds ahead of Fabio Duarte. Philip Deignan was 20 seconds further back at the end of the 171K (106-mile) leg from Belluno.

"It's a win that I've really searched for," Arredondo said. "I said it from the start, I'm in this Giro to win at least one stage, and it's from the start that I have been trying. "Until today, I managed three second places and two third places, I was only missing a win and we got that today. We've tried so much and at the end we managed it. So tonight we'll

celebrate."

Quintana remained 1:41 ahead of fellow Colombian Rigoberto Uran, with Pierre Rolland moving into third place as former race leader Cadel Evans slipped to ninth.

Rolland is 3:29 behind Quintana, two seconds ahead of Fabio Aru and Rafal Majka.

"Today was a calm climb, but there were several attacks, I managed to control all of them which concerned my position," Quintana said. "Each cyclist should worry about their own race. The team worked very well.

"I am very happy with how things are going, there is a good atmosphere, there is joy in the team. Also the Italians are cheering me on, they are supporting me during the race, I am very happy with the warmth that we are feeling on the Giro route."

A group of 11 cyclists escaped on the first categorized climb of the day, up San Pellegrino, and they managed to open up an advantage of 1:50 on the approach to the steepest part of the climb, which had gradients of 15 percent. □

## Glazer

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"The thoughts of everyone at Manchester United are with the family tonight," the team said in a statement. Born Aug. 25, 1928, in Rochester, New York, the son of a watch-parts salesman, Glazer began working for the family business when he was 8 and took over the operation as a teenager when his father died in 1943.

As president and CEO of First Allied Corp., the holding company for the family business interests, he invested in mobile-home parks, restaurants, food service equipment, marine protein, television stations, real estate, natural gas and oil production and other ventures. In March 2010, Forbes ranked him as tied for the world's 400th richest person, estimating his net worth at \$2.4 billion. The magazine's

separate ranking of Americans put him and his family at 139th in fall 2008.

He purchased the Bucs for a then-NFL record \$192 million in 1995, taking over one of the worst-run and least successful teams in American professional sports. And while Glazer once said he probably overpaid by \$50 million, the value of the team has more than quadrupled since he assumed control.

"Malcolm Glazer was the guiding force behind the building of a Super Bowl-champion organization. His dedication to the community was evident in all he did, including his leadership in bringing Super Bowls to Tampa Bay," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said.

In an era when many owners of professional teams attract nearly as much attention as the athletes, Glazer was content to allow three of his sons handle daily op-

eration of the Bucs and rarely granted interviews or visited the team's offices and training facility.

But he was a fixture at Bucs games before his health declined, and he spent generously to acquire players and provide coaches and front office personnel with the resources to do their jobs. To NFL fans accustomed to the frugal ways of original Bucs owner Hugh Culverhouse, Glazer was a savior.

"With our major investment here, we didn't come in here to have a loser," Glazer said after acquiring the Bucs.

In one of its boldest moves as NFL owners, the Glazer family fired Tony Dungy as coach after the 2001 season and paid a hefty price — four draft picks and \$8 million cash — to the Raiders for the opportunity to sign Jon Gruden to a contract.

The move paid off right

away. Gruden led the Bucs to their first NFL title the following season, and Glazer joined in the celebration in the locker room.

"He came from heaven and he brought us to heaven," Glazer said at the time. "We were waiting for the right man and the right man came — Jon Gruden."

The family fired Gruden and general manager Bruce Allen after the 2008 season, however, when the team completed one of the biggest collapses in NFL history, losing four straight games following a 9-3 start to miss the playoffs. The slide continued in 2009 under new coach Raheem Morris as the Bucs went 3-13, their worst record since 1991.

The family didn't get a warm reception in Britain, where United fans protested and burned Glazer's likeness in effigy because they feared the American was acquiring the storied British foot-

ball club purely for financial gain.

At the time, Mark Longden of the Independent Manchester United Supporters Association, said his group was "calling on all supporters to wear black. If they can get hold of black flags, they should wave them because it represents what is happening to the club."

But the club had success on the pitch, winning the League Cup in 2006, 2009 and 2010, the English Premier League from 2007-09, 2011 and 2013 and European Cup and Club World Cup titles in 2008.

Within a year of the leveraged buyout, Glazer had two strokes and his children ran the 20-time English champions, with all of them sitting on the board of directors and owning the remaining 90 percent of the club that was not listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 2012. □

# Google to build prototype of truly driverless car

JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Google plans to build and launch onto city streets a small fleet of subcompact cars that could operate without a person at the wheel.

Actually, the cars wouldn't even have a wheel. Or gas and brake pedals. The company says the vehicles will use sensors and computing power, with no human needed.

Google Inc. hopes that by this time next year, 100 of the two-seaters will be on public roads, following extensive testing.

The cars would not be for sale and instead would be provided to select operators for further tweaking and have limitations such as a 25 mph top speed.

The announcement presents a challenge to automakers that have been more cautious about introducing fully automated driving and to government regulators who are scrambling to accommodate self-driving cars on public roads. Other companies are working on the technology but none as large as Google has said it intends to put such cars in the hands of the public so soon.

To date, Google has driven hundreds of thousands of miles on public roads and freeways in Lexus SUVs and Toyota Priuses outfitted with special sensors and cameras. But with a "safety driver" in the front seat, those vehicles were not truly self-driving.

Instead of the standard controls, the prototypes would have buttons to begin and end the drive. Passengers would set a destination.

The car would then make turns and react to other vehicles and pedestrians based on computer programs that predict what others might do, and data from sensors including radar and cameras that read in real time what other objects are actually doing.

The route might be set by typing a destination into a map or using spoken com-

mands, Chris Urmson, the leader of Google's self-driving car team, told reporters Wednesday.

The car will be powered by electricity and could go about 100 miles before charging. Its shape suggests a rounded-out Volkswagen Beetle — something that might move people around a corporate campus or congested downtown — with headlights and sensors arrayed to resemble a friendly face.

Mark Reuss, global product development chief of General Motors Co., poked fun at the car's look but acknowledged Google could become a force in the marketplace.

"I could wear it as a hat," Reuss joked at an automotive technology forum in Detroit. "It's cool. It's like advanced. Like an old VW."

Reuss added though that Google could become a real competitor to GM, which is pursuing driverless technology.

"If they set their mind to it, I have no doubt that's a very serious competitive threat," he said.

Major automakers have steadily introduced technology that helps cars stay in their lanes and avoid accidents. However, all those vehicles come with a steering wheel and pedals — and the expectation that a driver will jump in should trouble arise. Several companies have said they expect by 2020 to market vehicles that can drive themselves under certain conditions.

"Nothing is going to change overnight, but (Google's announcement) is another sign of the drastic shifts in automotive technology, business practices and retailing we're going to witness," said Karl Brauer, a senior analyst at Kelley Blue Book's KBB.com.

A French company, Induct Technology, has produced a driverless shuttle, which in February drove people around a hospital campus in South Carolina.

But in terms of a truly self-driving car from a major company, Google looks to



This image provided by Google shows a very early version of Google's prototype self-driving car. The two-seater won't be sold publicly, but Google on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 said it hopes by this time next year, 100 prototypes will be on public roads.

Associated Press

be first.

The tech titan began developing the prototype more than a year ago after it loaned some employees its retrofitted Lexuses and saw that some "would basically trust the technology more than it was ready to be trusted," Urmson said. Making a car that drives itself seemed more practical than somehow ensuring that people zoning out behind the wheel could take over at a moment's notice. The first 100 prototypes will

be built in the Detroit area with the help of firms that specialize in autos, Google said. It would not identify those firms or discuss the cost of each prototype.

This summer, Google plans to send test prototypes on closed courses, then later this year on public streets. Those test cars will have a wheel and pedals because under California law a test driver must be able to take immediate control.

By summer 2015, however, California's Department of

Motor Vehicles must publish regulations allowing the public to use truly driverless cars. Big questions the DMV is wrestling with include who is liable if a driverless car crashes and how the state can be confident that an automated car drives at least as safely as a person. That change in the law would allow the 100 prototypes that would be intended for a public "pilot project" — details to be determined — to not have a steering wheel or pedals. □

## Public-private U.S. survey finds cybercrime rising

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AP National Writer

SAN JOSE, California (AP) —

The hackers are winning, according to a survey of 500 executives of U.S. businesses, law enforcement services and government agencies released Wednesday.

The 12th annual survey of cybercrime trends found that online attackers determined to break into computers, steal information and interfere with business are more technologically advanced than those trying to stop them.

The survey was co-sponsored by business consulting firm PwC, the U.S. Secret Service, the CERT Division

of Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute and CSO security news magazine.

Three out of four respondents said they had detected a security breach in the last year, and the average number of security intrusions was 135 per organization, the survey found.

"Despite substantial investments in cybersecurity technologies, cyber criminals continue to find ways to circumvent these technologies in order to obtain sensitive information that they can monetize," Ed Lowery, who heads the U.S. Secret Service's criminal investigative division, said in a written statement.

Lowery said companies and the government need to take "a radically different approach to cybersecurity," which goes beyond antivirus software, training employees, working closely with contractors and setting up tighter processes. The top five cyberattack methods reported in the survey were malware, phishing, network interruption, spyware and denial-of-service attacks.

And 28 percent of respondents said the attackers were insiders, either contractors or current and former employees or service providers, according to the survey. □

# Jobless claims, deal news push stocks higher

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Another quiet day, another quiet record. Stocks rose modestly Thursday, sending the Standard & Poor's 500 index to another record high. Investors rallied behind a bidding war in the food industry as well as a somewhat positive report on the U.S. labor market.

The S&P 500 rose 10.25

points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,247.95.

Among the biggest gainers was deli meat and hot-dog maker Hillshire Brands, which jumped \$7.95, or 18 percent, to \$52.76. Only two days after Pilgrim's Pride made a \$5.56 billion offer to buy the company, chicken company Tyson Foods stepped in to offer \$6.2 billion.

Investors expect that Ty-

son's offer will start a bidding war. Hillshire's closing price of \$52.76 was already above Tyson's offer of \$50 per share. The stock is up 43 percent this week alone.

Tyson also rose on the news. The stock gained \$2.50, or 6 percent, to \$43.25, making the company the biggest gainer in the S&P 500. The overall stock market has moved little this year, but one theme that continues to play out is the large amount of corporate deals being announced. Just during this holiday-shortened week, Apple said late Wednesday it would buy Beats Electronics for \$3 billion, and now there's the

to do as a large company is use your cash to buy a company when you have an uncertain outlook on the economy."

Other food companies also rose following the Hillshire Brands news as traders anticipated more deals and possibly more bidding wars. Jam and jelly maker J.M. Smucker rose \$2.38, or 2.4 percent, to \$103. Hormel Foods, which makes Spam, rose \$1, or 2 percent, to \$48.71.

Investors also had a round of mixed economic data to interpret Thursday.

The Commerce Department estimated that the U.S. economy shrank at an annual rate of 1 percent in the first three months of the year, worse than the government's initial estimate a month ago of growth of 0.1 percent. The contraction was partly due to the severe weather in January and February, economists said.

While disappointing, investors set aside the GDP report, dismissing it as outdated information on the U.S. economy. The report relayed information from, at best, two months ago and, at worst, from the beginning of the year. Investors have been talking about how the weather impacted U.S. businesses earlier this year for months now.

"It didn't tell us anything new," said Ryan Larson, head of equity trading at RBC Global Asset Management. □

## Wal-Mart hits back at proxy advisory firm

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, fired back at a prominent proxy advisory firm that critiqued the company's executive pay plan and how it's handled an overseas bribery probe. Institutional Shareholder Services earlier this week urged shareholders to vote against Wal-Mart's executive compensation package and asked them to back a resolution for the appointment of an independent chairman. It also recommended shareholders vote against the re-election of board members Robson Walton, the company's chairman, and Mike Duke, recently Wal-Mart's CEO.

The ISS cited the failure of the board to provide more information to shareholders about specific findings of an investigation into bribery outside of the United States.

Those issues go to a vote at the company's shareholder meeting June 6. The meeting will be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas, about 30 miles from the company's headquarters in Bentonville.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission Thursday, Wal-Mart said that the ISS analysis "misconstrues the nature and operation of Wal-Mart's executive compensation program."

Wal-Mart said the ISS analysis is based on information provided by C&W Investment Group, a union-backed organization, that has a long history of opposition to Wal-Mart.

ISS cited changes that it believes have diminished the consistency of performance goals set for company executives.

Wal-Mart said its pay structure emphasizes performance and is "intended to closely align the interests of our named executive officers with the interests of our shareholders." □



Traders Peter Tuchman, left, and Sal Suarino gather with others at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Stocks rose Tuesday after the government reported that orders for big-ticket items rose unexpectedly last month.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,920.03, closing above Tuesday's record of 1,911.11. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 65.56 points, or 0.4 percent, to 16,698.74 and the Nasdaq composite rose 22.87

son's offer will start a bidding war. Hillshire's closing price of \$52.76 was already above Tyson's offer of \$50 per share. The stock is up 43 percent this week alone.

Tyson also rose on the news. The stock gained \$2.50, or 6

battle over Hillshire Brands. "It's an encouraging sign because companies see the economy improving," said Joe Tanious, a global markets strategist with J.P. Morgan Asset Management. "Last thing you want

## Applications for US jobless aid near 7-year low

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell last week to nearly the lowest level in seven years, a sign hiring may be picking up.

Weekly applications for unemployment aid dropped 27,000 to a seasonally adjusted 300,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's just above a seven-year low reached three weeks ago.

The four-week average, a less volatile measure, fell to

311,500, the fewest since August, 2007.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs, so the drop suggests companies are cutting fewer jobs. When employers are confident enough to keep staff, they may also step up hiring. That is a good sign ahead of May's jobs report, to be released next Friday.

The downward trend in layoffs also suggests employers have shrugged off a dismal economic performance in the first three months of the year. A separate government report

Thursday showed that the economy shrank 1 percent at an annual rate in the first quarter, due largely to the impact of freezing winter weather.

Yet applications for unemployment benefits have fallen 10 percent since the year began, a clear signal that employers aren't worried about a longer-term slowdown. Many economists expect growth will rebound to a 3.8 percent pace in the second quarter.

"The data remain extremely encouraging,"

Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said in a research note. The report "suggests that the pick-up (in hiring) is continuing," he added.

Fewer Americans are also receiving benefits. The number of recipients declined to 2.63 million, the lowest level since November 2007.

The decline in applications since the start of the year has been accompanied by greater job gains, though unemployment remains at historically high levels. □

# Contracts to buy US homes rose slightly in April

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — More Americans signed contracts to purchase homes in April than the prior month. But the pace of buying is still weaker than last year, as higher prices and relatively tight supplies have limited sales.

The National Association of Realtors said Thursday that its seasonally adjusted pending home sales index rose 0.4 percent to 97.8 last month. The index remains 9.2 percent below its level

a year ago.

Pending sales are a barometer of future purchases. A one- to two-month lag usually exists between a signed contract and a completed sale. The index indicates that home buying has barely increased in May. The gain in signed contracts partly reflects the slight decline in mortgage rates and the economic rebound from the brutal winter. But prices have risen by 12.4 percent year-over-year, according to Standard & Poor's/Case-

Shiller 20-city home price index. That has put home ownership out of reach for a growing share of Americans who are stuck with stagnant incomes in the aftermath of the Great Recession. The number of signed contracts increased in the Northeast and Midwest month-to-month, suggesting that a modest weather-based rebound has occurred. However, pending sales dropped last month in the West and South, a sign to many economists that the price

increases have muted buying activity more than nasty weather. The end of the severe winter weather will not bring with it a sustained revival in the housing market," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics. "The real problem is last year's massive deterioration in affordability." Would-be buyers have gotten some help in recent weeks from falling mortgage rates. Average rates for 30-year, fixed mortgages declined for the fifth straight week

to 4.12 percent, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac. Still, rates remain above their lows of 3.51 percent a year ago. The rising rates in the second half of 2013 and higher home prices appear to have reduced the pool of potential homebuyers.

The Realtors said last week that sales rose 1.3 percent in April from March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.65 million. Purchases of homes over the past 12 months have dropped 6.8 percent. □

# Tyson enters food fight with Hillshire Brands bid

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Hillshire Brands is at the center of a barnyard brawl.

Tyson Foods, the largest U.S. meat processor, on Thursday made a \$6.2 billion offer for the maker Jimmy Dean sausages and Ball Park hot dogs, topping a bid made two days earlier by rival poultry producer Pilgrim's Pride. Based in Greeley, Colorado, Pilgrim's Pride is owned by Brazilian meat giant JBS.

The takeover bids for Hillshire by the two major meat processors are being driven by the desirability of brand-name processed products like Jimmy Dean breakfast sandwiches. The convenience foods are more profitable than fresh meat, such as chicken breasts, where there isn't as much wiggle room to pad prices. Selling more types of prod-

ucts also would give the companies a buffer from volatile price swings of fresh meat. When beef prices rise and shoppers turn to other meats, the companies can sell more chicken or bacon, for example.

While both Tyson and Pilgrim's sell some prepared products like frozen fried chicken pieces, their main business has been as suppliers of fresh meat for supermarkets and restaurant chains.

Both offers are contingent on Hillshire abandoning its plan to acquire Pinnacle Foods, which makes Birds Eye frozen vegetables and Wish-Bone salad dressings. Hillshire had been trying to diversify its own portfolio by moving into other areas of the supermarket with the \$4.23 billion acquisition.

But some investors questioned whether combining with Pinnacle made sense, given the sharp differenc-

es in product categories and the outdated image of some Pinnacle brands, such as Hungry Man frozen dinners.

Hillshire said earlier it strongly believes in its deal with

Pinnacle Foods but would review Pilgrim's offer. In its latest statement on Thursday, the Chicago-based company said it would review Tyson's offer as well and made no mention of

its Pinnacle deal.

Pilgrim's Pride said it is considering its options and will "update the markets in due course," making no mention of whether it planned to raise its offer. Pinnacle didn't respond to request for comment.

Earlier this week, J.P. Morgan analyst Ken Goldman had noted other potential suitors for Hillshire could emerge, including Tyson and Cargill. Goldman suspended his ratings for Hillshire and Tyson on Thursday because of J.P. Morgan's role in the deal on behalf of Tyson.

Tyson and other meat producers are facing changing consumer tastes and volatile meat prices. In addition to helping profit margins, moving more heavily into branded products is seen as helping to diversify portfolios and creating more stability in financial results. □



This combo made with file photos shows a package of frozen Tyson Chicken Nuggets, left, and a package of Hillshire Farm sausage, in Palo Alto, Calif. Two days after poultry producer Pilgrim's Pride made a \$5.58 billion dollar bid for the maker of Ball Park hot dogs and Jimmy Dean sausages, Tyson Foods Co. on Thursday, May 29, 2014 sweetened the pot with a \$6.2 billion offer. The deal sent Hillshire shares up 14 percent in premarket trading.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

# Average US 30-year mortgage rate down to 4.12%

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Average U.S. rates on fixed mortgages fell this week for a fifth straight week. The spring home-buying season has started slowly, but it may be aided by the low rates.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate for a 30-year loan edged down to 4.12 percent from 4.14 percent last week. The average for the 15-year mortgage de-

clined to 3.21 percent from 3.25 percent.

Warmer weather has yet to boost home-buying as it normally does. Rising prices and higher interest rates beginning in mid-2013 have made homes less affordable for would-be buyers. At the same time, a limited supply of homes is available to buy. New construction has focused increasingly on rental apartments, instead of single-family

homes.

Mortgage rates still are nearly a full percentage point above record lows reached about a year ago. U.S. home prices rose in March, data released Tuesday showed, but the gains are decelerating as fewer Americans can afford to buy.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 12.4 percent in March compared

with 12 months earlier. While healthy, that rate of growth slowed from both February and January.

And more Americans signed contracts to buy homes in April than in the prior month, but the pace of buying is still weaker than last year, according to data issued Thursday by the National Association of Realtors.

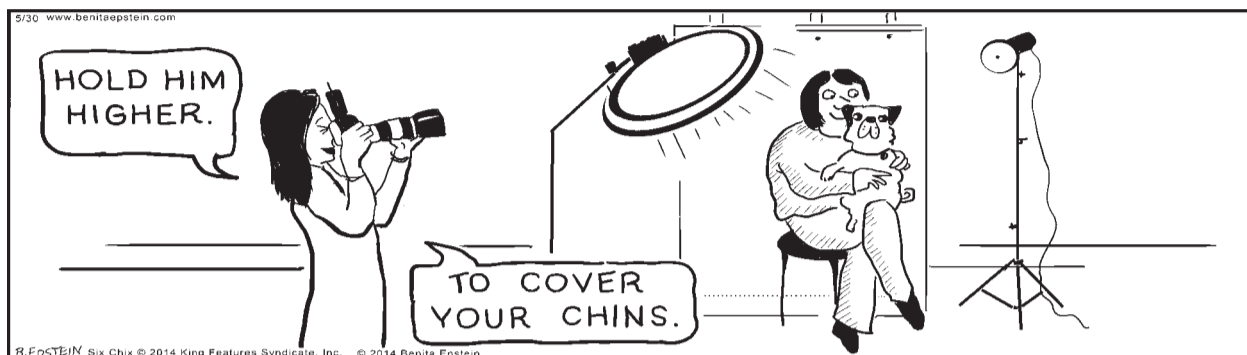
The increase in mortgage rates over the past year

or so was driven in part by speculation that the Federal Reserve would reduce its bond purchases, which have helped keep long-term interest rates low. Indeed, the Fed has announced four declines in its monthly bond purchases since December because the economy appears to be steadily healing. But the Fed has no plans to raise its benchmark short-term rate from record lows. □

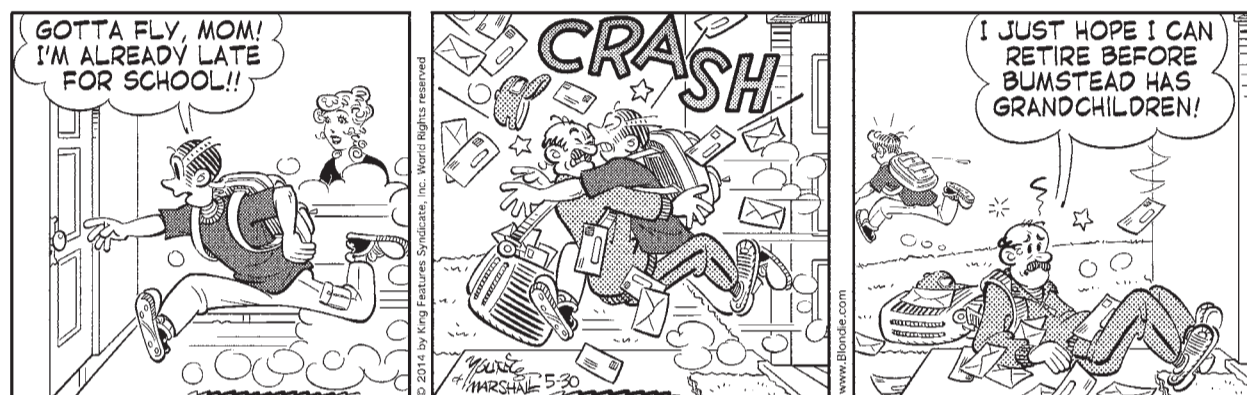
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 5 Boop of old cartoons
- 10 Lively
- 14 -friendly; easy to operate
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- 17 Location
- 18 Expert in language rules & punctuation
- 20 Street paver's substance
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**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 12 Authentic
- 13 Strong urges
- 19 Prize
- 21 Declare untrue
- 24 Small lake
- 25 Attire
- 26 Canary's home
- 27 Light-footed
- 28 Armed conflicts
- 29 English Leather or Old Spice
- 30 Destroy
- 32 Stain; spot
- 33 Not at home
- 35 Has debts
- 37 Robin or wren
- 38 Thailand, once
- 40 Parker House ; bread items

- 41 Greek letters
- 43 Shorelines
- 44 Drooped
- 46 Chop finely
- 47 Largest brass instrument
- 48 Dollar bills
- 49 Converse
- 50 Soil
- 52 Death notice, for short
- 53 Turner and Koppel
- 55 Alien's vehicle, for short
- 56 GPS screen image
- 57 Paper sack

## AP poll: Gender roles still drive US dating scene

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — All kinds of contradictions surface when American lay out their thoughts on dating, especially when it comes to money and gender roles, an Associated Press-WE tv poll found.

Seven in 10 of those surveyed say it's unacceptable to expect a date to pay for everything. But most still say it's a man's job to pay for the first date. Most say it's OK to ask someone out because he or she seems successful. But even more say it's unacceptable to turn down people because they haven't had much success.

One-third think it's OK to search for online clues about a potential first date's success in life. But very few say daters should pay attention to each other's finances before they begin an exclusive relationship.

Overall, the traits that men and women rate as important hew to traditional gender roles.

Men and women agree that personality is the most important trait to consider when deciding whether to go on a first date with someone, and very few say money is a top consideration. Yet for men, a sense of humor outweighs intelligence, and they are more apt than women to prioritize looks. Most women place greater emphasis on a suitor's financial situation and career ambitions. It's not just older people who feel that way. The differences are amplified among younger singles. About half of single men under age 45 say looks are a priority, while 70 percent of single women under 45 call career ambitions key. There's a clear gender gap on finances.

Men are less likely than women to say they're comfortable dating someone who makes significantly more money than they do. Seventy-one percent of women would be comfortable in that situation, compared with 59 percent of men. Women are more

wary of dating someone who earns less. Forty-three percent of men would be OK dating someone with a significantly lower salary, but just 28 percent of women would.

More broadly, uncoupled Americans are squeamish about dating those whose

Just 16 percent say they would be comfortable dating someone who is unemployed, and 23 percent say they would be comfortable dating someone with significant student loan debt.

Once dating turns to commitment and love, money



**This photo shows a woman walking past as Steven Paska, 26, center, of Arlington, Va., asks his girlfriend of two years Jessica Deegan, 27, to marry him as cherry blossom trees in peak bloom line the tidal basin with the Jefferson Memorial in the background in Washington. Deegan said yes to the surprise marriage proposal.** (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

financial situations may not equal their own.

A shaky financial past is generally acceptable, and more say they're comfortable dating someone who grew up in a poor family than in a wealthy one. But a questionable present inspires doubt.

is a bigger consideration for women when deciding whether to wed.

Among men who aren't married or living with a partner, 84 percent say they'd marry someone they love regardless of whether she or he could provide financial security. □

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# Study: Species go extinct far faster than before

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Species of plants and animals are becoming extinct at least 1,000 times faster than they did before humans arrived on the scene, and the world is on the brink of a sixth great extinction, a new study says.

The study looks at past and present rates of extinction and finds a lower rate in the past than scientists had thought. Species are now disappearing from Earth about 10 times faster than biologists had believed, said the study's lead author, biologist Stuart Pimm of Duke University.

"We are on the verge of the sixth extinction," Pimm said from research at the Dry Tortugas. "Whether we avoid it or not will depend on our actions."

The work, published Thursday by the journal *Science*, was hailed as a landmark study by outside experts.

Pimm's study focused on the rate, not the number, of species disappearing from Earth. It calculated a "death rate" of how many species become extinct each year out of 1 million species.

In 1995, Pimm found that the pre-human rate of extinctions on Earth was about 1. But taking into account new research, Pimm and his colleagues refined that background rate to about 0.1.

Now, that death rate is about 100 to 1,000, Pimm said. Numerous factors are combining to make species disappear much faster than before, said Pimm and co-author Clinton Jenkins of the Institute of Ecological Research in Brazil. But the No. 1 issue is habitat loss. Species are finding no

Add to that invasive species crowding out native species, climate change affecting where species can survive and overfishing, Pimm said.

The buffy-tufted-ear marmoset is a good example, Jenkins said. Its habitat has shrunk because of development in Brazil, and a

wasn't part of the study but praised it. "If we don't do anything, this will go the way of the dinosaurs."

Five times, a vast majority of the world's life has disappeared in what have been called mass extinctions, often associated with giant meteor strikes. About 66 million years ago, one

nary people and biologists find species in trouble, they said. Once biologists know where endangered species are, they can try to save habitats and use captive breeding and other techniques to save the species, they said.

One success story is the golden lion tamarin. De-



This undated handout photo, taken in 2010, provided by Terry Goss Photography USA/Marine Photobank, shows an Oceanic whitetip shark. The oceanic whitetip shark was once one of the most plentiful predators on Earth and now is rarely seen.

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place to live as more places are built up and altered by humans.

competing marmoset has taken over where it lives. Now it's on the international vulnerable list.

The oceanic white-tip shark used to be one of the most abundant predators on Earth, but they have been hunted so much they are now rarely seen, said Dalhousie University marine biologist Boris Worm, who

such extinction killed off the dinosaurs and three out of four species on Earth. Around 252 million years ago, the Great Dying wiped out about 90 percent of the world's species. Pimm and Jenkins said there is hope. Both said the use of smartphones and applications such as iNaturalist will help ordi-

cades ago the tiny primates were thought to be extinct because of habitat loss, but they were then found in remote parts of Brazil and bred in captivity, and biologists helped set aside new forests for them to live in, Jenkins said.

"Now there are more tamarins than there are places to put them," he said.



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## Actress McCord tells of sexual assault, recovery

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Actress AnnaLynne McCord says a sexual assault when she was 18 years old pushed her to the brink of suicide.

In a first-person article published in the July issue of Cosmopolitan magazine, the "Dallas" and "90210" star, now 26, says she is speaking out to help other women who suffer in silence.

In the article, McCord said she had moved to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career when a friend who was staying in her apartment overnight attacked

her as she slept. She did not identify the man.

McCord, who said she kept the rape secret at first, finally disclosed it to friends and family but remained tormented.

In her early 20s, her lingering emotional pain and a fight with a then-boyfriend prompted her to consider taking an overdose of pills. But she resisted and began a gradual recovery, McCord said.

At one point, however, a "90210" plotline in which her character was assaulted led to a "meltdown," she said. □

## Neil Patrick Harris and Sting to perform at Tonys

**MARK KENNEDY**  
AP Drama Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Neil Patrick Harris, Sting, Idina Menzel, Alan Cumming and Sutton Foster — as well as the teaming up of Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight and Fantasia — will perform at the Tony Awards on June 8.

Producers announced a music-heavy lineup that includes all the best new

musical nominees — "Aladdin," "After Midnight," "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" — and some overlooked ones, including "Bullets Over Broadway," "Rocky" and "If/Then." Three revivals — "Les Miserables," "Violet" and Cumming's "Cabaret" — will also be featured. Sting will perform

a song from his Broadway-bound musical, "The Last Ship." Harris, in the past a winning host, will return to sing a song from his "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," in which he plays a German male transsexual rock singer. He together with a lascivious and edgy Cumming as "Cabaret" emcee may add some spice to the night. □

## A confident Susan Boyle readies 1st U.S. tour



In this March 27, 2012 file photo, Susan Boyle performs during her musical 'I Dreamed A Dream' at the Theatre Royal in Newcastle, England.

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**MESFIN FEKADU**  
AP Music Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Five years after her musical breakthrough, Susan Boyle says she's feeling confident and comfortable — and ready to launch her first U.S. tour.

The 53-year-old will hit the road in October on a 21-date trek. Boyle said she hadn't been ready to take on the tour after her pop culture moment in 2009, but now she's more relaxed and ready to perform.

"I didn't have the confi-

dence. I didn't have the right experience, but I feel more ready now, and I really can't wait," she said in a phone interview Thursday from her home in Scotland. Boyle was chipper and excited when talking about her American tour, which she said will include "a few surprises." The tour kicks off Oct. 8 in San Diego; tickets go on sale June 9.

She said the tour is a "thank you" to fans. She's released an album each year since she captivated the world when she sang "I Dreamed

a Dream" on "Britain's Got Talent" in 2009. She's sold more than 14 million records worldwide.

"The adaptation at first wasn't very easy because you have to get used to it at first," she said of learning to deal with fame. "It's like a baby learning to walk really. But once ... you see the people embrace you, it becomes easier."

Boyle revealed last year that she had been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism. She said she's healthy and feeling better than ever.

"Everything is fine. I've never felt better. I'm ready to go," she said.

Boyle's tour, which includes performances in Sacramento, California, Phoenix and Atlanta, will wrap Nov. 6 in Jacksonville, Florida.

"I like to be kept busy, but I'd like to see some of the country as well. And I'll be traveling by bus anyway, so I'll see most of the country anyway," she said.

Boyle said her tour will include some new material. She's completed her sixth album, due out this year, which heads in a "jazzy blues direction."

Outside of music, Boyle said she's interested in acting after making her big-screen debut in the holiday movie "The Christmas Candle."

"I haven't done much acting before ... so it felt a bit strange to begin with. But once you get used to it, it becomes fun and you start to enjoy yourself," she said. "I'd like to balance the books a bit — I'd like to do a bit of singing and a bit of acting."

Would she consider Broadway?

"The sky's the limit. I'm open to offers," she said, laughing.

She's open to offers from musicians who want to collaborate, though she wants to make an offer to one singer.

"My favorite performer is Michael Buble and I'd like to work with him at some point," she said. □



This June 9, 2013 file photo shows actor Neil Patrick Harris performing on stage at the 67th Annual Tony Awards in New York.

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# Maya Angelou, poet and author, dies at 86

**HILLEL ITALIE**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Maya Angelou, a modern Renaissance woman who survived the harshest of childhoods to become a force on the printed page, the stage, screen and the inaugural dais, has died, her son said. She was 86.

Angelou's son, Guy B. Johnson, said the writer died Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she had been a professor of American studies at Wake Forest University since 1982. Tall and regal, with a deep, majestic voice, Angelou defied all probability and category, becoming one of the first black women to enjoy mainstream success as an author and thriving in virtually every artistic medium. The young single mother who worked at strip clubs to earn a living later wrote and recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history. The childhood victim of rape wrote a million-selling memoir,

befriended Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and performed on stages around the world.

An actress, singer and dancer in the 1950s and 1960s, she broke through as an author in 1969 with



In this Feb. 15, 2011 file photo, President Barack Obama kisses author and poet Maya Angelou after awarding her the 2010 Medal of Freedom during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

"I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which became standard (and occasionally censored) reading, and was the first of a multipart autobiography that continued through the decades. In 1993, she was a sensation reading her cautiously hopeful "On the Pulse of the Morning" at President Bill Clinton's first inauguration. Her confident performance openly delighted Clinton and made the poem a best-seller, if not a critical favorite. For President George W. Bush, she read another poem, "Amazing Peace," at the

2005 Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the White House.

She was a mentor to Oprah Winfrey, whom she befriended when Winfrey was still a local television reporter, and often appeared on her friend's talk show program. She mastered several languages and published not just poetry, but advice books, cookbooks and children's stories. She wrote music,

plays and screenplays, received an Emmy nomination for her acting in the 1977 miniseries "Roots," and never lost her passion

for dance, the art she considered closest to poetry.

Her very name as an adult was a reinvention. Angelou was born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis and raised in Stamps, Arkansas, and San Francisco, moving back and forth between her parents and her grandmother. She was smart and fresh to the point of danger, packed off by her family to California after sassing a white store clerk in Arkansas. Other times, she didn't speak at all: At age 7, she was raped by her mother's boyfriend and didn't speak for years. She learned by

reading, and listening.

At age 9, she was writing poetry. By 17, she was a single mother. In her early 20s, she danced at a strip joint, ran a brothel, was married (to Enistastious Tosh Angelos, her first of three husbands) and then divorced. By her mid-20s, she was performing at the Purple Onion in San Francisco, where she shared billing with another future star, Phyllis Diller.

Angelou was little known outside the theatrical community until "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," a book occasionally attacked for its content.

In a 1999 essay in Harper's, author Francine Prose criticized "Caged Bird" as "manipulative" melodrama. Meanwhile, Angelou's passages about her rape and teen pregnancy have made it a perennial on the American Library Association's list of works that draw complaints from parents and educators.

"I thought that it was a mild book.

There's no profanity," Angelou told The Associated Press. "It speaks about surviving, and it really doesn't make ogres of many people. I was shocked to find there were people who really wanted it banned, and I still believe people who are against the book have never read the book." □

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## Fox's entertainment chairman out at network

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**AP Television Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Fox entertainment chairman Kevin Reilly is out after a rough year at the network, its ratings dragged down by the dramatic decline of "American Idol."

Fox said Thursday that Reilly will leave by the end of June. Reilly came from NBC in 2007 to run the network's prime-time entertainment operation, and was promoted to chairman two years ago.

The network had several strong years under Reilly,

with the luxury of "American Idol" dominating the TV landscape in the winter and spring. But the show's finale last week had a startling 66 percent fewer viewers than its season-ending episode three years ago. Fox ranked fourth among all viewers this season, second behind NBC within the 18-to-49-year-old demographic that the network cares most about, the Nielsen company said. Its viewership in that youthful demographic was actually steady this year. □



This April 11, 2013 photo released by Fox shows Fox entertainment chairman Kevin Reilly at VERTE Grades of Green's annual fundraising event to benefit environmental education in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

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## Fender adds Bono, The Edge from U2 to its board

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Its guitars were played by rock legends from Jimi Hendrix to Bruce Springsteen. Now, Fender's board of directors is looking like the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, too.

The guitar maker says it is adding Bono and The Edge of rock band U2 to its board.

The company says the two will add to the board because of their longtime experience in music and entertainment. The move also adds to the brand's rock credibility.

Fender, majority owned by investment firm TPG Growth. □



In this Jan. 12, 2014 file photo, The Edge, left, and Bono, of musical group U2, arrive at the 71st annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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## Graduate of the Year



NICHOLAS KRISTOF  
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LONG AN, Vietnam - Tay Thi Nguyen is one of the mightiest people I've met, at 94 pounds. She has a towering presence, at a bit more than 5 feet tall. She is so strong that she probably could bench press 25 pounds.

Three times Tay Thi has fainted while here at college, training to become an English teacher, because she starved herself to afford tuition. But she had the strength to persist and soon will become the first person in her village to graduate from college, and she embodies such grit and selflessness that, to me, she's the world's college graduate of the year.

Tay Thi, 20, also underscores the principle - especially important in the aftermath of the kidnapping of the Nigerian schoolgirls - that the best leverage we have to achieve social change is to educate girls.

The eighth of nine children to an impoverished farming family in the Mekong Delta, Tay Thi shone in school, but her mother demanded - unsuccessfully - that she drop out after primary school and earn money as a live-in housemaid in distant Ho Chi Minh City.

"She got very angry with me," Tay Thi recalled. In eighth grade, her mom burned her school books to try to force her to drop out, but Tay Thi borrowed books and continued to excel.

Staying in school was possible because of the help she received from Room to Read, an aid group that sponsored Tay Thi and covered her school fees, uniform, books, bicycle to get to school and other expenses.

Tay Thi persevered, even when her parents again burned her books in 12th grade, and, as she graduated from high school, she prepared secretly for the college entrance examination. Her mother found out about this when Tay Thi left to take the exam and lashed out, saying "I hope you fail the exams."

Other students arrived at the exam location escorted by cheering, doting parents; Tay Thi arrived alone, sobbing. Still, she aced the exam.

With no parental subsidy, college seemed unaffordable, but Tay Thi saved every penny she could. She had long worked every vacation - sometimes in a factory job by day and in a duck soup restaurant by night until 2 a.m.

Even during Vietnamese New Year celebrations, she worked in the fields by herself to catch crabs for money - watching the fireworks in the distance.

At college, Tay Thi confined herself to a food budget of \$3.50 - per week. Malnourished, she sometimes toppled over in the middle of class in a dead faint. Professors and students discovered that she was starved and basically penniless - leaving Tay Thi feeling humiliated. "I was so upset about that," she said, but, in retrospect, it was a turning point because her teachers and classmates responded with kindness, sympathy and help.

Room to Read arranged a corporate scholarship, which gave her a bit more spending money, and Tay Thi managed to eat enough to keep from fainting in public.

Tay Thi shares a small room with two other young women, all sleeping on the floor next to each other. She set up a small reading light that won't keep the others awake. She studies until midnight, and then sets her alarm for 4 a.m. to resume studying.

She is just as passionate about education for others. First, she encouraged her older brother to return to school, after years of working as a laborer, so he could become a mechanic. When he resisted, Tay Thi went out and registered him as a student, picking his courses and browbeating him until he gave in.

Then she coaxed her younger brother to follow her to college, where he is now a freshman. Even her parents have come around, partly because they see that Tay Thi will soon be an English teacher - and the best-paid member of the extended family. Tay Thi is trying to arrange to teach in her own remote village school, where she wants to advocate for education. "I would like to change people's thinking," she says. "It's a way of helping children in my community," she said. The kidnappings in Nigeria have put a spotlight on girls' education, and Tay Thi is an example of why the issue is critical. It's sometimes said that if you send a boy to school, you educate a man; if you send a girl to school, you educate a village. That's not always true, but empowering girls remains one of the best ways to empower a community. Girls' education also strongly correlates to reduced family size. When I asked Tay Thi if she planned to have nine children like her mom, she roared with laughter and gave a firm "NO!"

So let's celebrate the mightiest college graduate of this commencement season, a young woman of incomparable strength who now is thrilled at the prospect of returning to an impoverished farming village to teach children and change the world. □



## Europe's Secret Success



PAUL KRUGMAN  
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SINTRA, Portugal - I'll be spending the next couple of days at a forum sponsored by the European Central Bank whose de facto topic - whatever it may say on the program - will be the destructive monetary muddle caused by the Continent's premature adoption of a single currency. What makes the story even sadder is that Europe's financial and macroeconomic woes have overshadowed its remarkable, unheralded longer-term success in an area in which it used to lag: job creation.

What? You haven't heard about that? Well, that's not too surprising. European economies, France in particular, get very bad press in America. Our political discourse is dominated by reverse Robin-Hoodism - the belief that economic success depends on being nice to the rich, who won't create jobs if they are heavily taxed, and nasty to ordinary workers, who won't accept jobs unless they have no alternative. And according to this ideology, Europe - with its high taxes and generous welfare states - does everything wrong. So Europe's economic system must be collapsing, and a lot of reporting simply states the postulated collapse as a fact.

The reality, however, is very different. Yes, Southern Europe is experiencing an economic crisis

thanks to that money muddle. But Northern European nations, France included, have done far better than most Americans realize. In particular, here's a startling, little-known fact: French adults in their prime working years (25-54) are substantially more likely to have jobs than their U.S. counterparts.

It wasn't always that way. Back in the 1990s Europe really did have big problems with job creation; the phenomenon even received a catchy name, "Eurosclerosis." And it seemed obvious what the problem was: Europe's social safety net had, as Rep. Paul Ryan likes to warn, become a "hammock" that undermined initiative and encouraged dependency. But then a funny thing happened: Europe started doing much better, while America started doing much worse. France's prime-age employment rate overtook America's early in the Bush administration; at this point the gap in employment rates is bigger than it was in the late 1990s, this time in France's favor. Other European nations with big welfare states, like Sweden and the Netherlands, do even better.

Now, young French citizens are still a lot less likely to have jobs than their U.S. counterparts - but a large part of that difference reflects the fact that France provides much more aid to students, so that they don't have to work their way through school. Is that a bad thing? Also, the French take more vacations and retire earlier than we do, and you can argue that the incentives for early retirement in particular are too generous. But on the core issue of providing jobs for people who really should be working, at this point old Europe is beating us hands down despite social benefits and regulations that, according to free-market ideologues, should be hugely job-destroying. Oh, and for those who believe that out-of-work Americans,

coddled by government benefits, just aren't trying to find jobs, we've just performed a cruel experiment using the worst victims of our job crisis as subjects. At the end of last year Congress refused to renew extended jobless benefits, cutting off millions of unemployed Americans. Did the long-term unemployed who were thereby placed in dire straits start finding jobs more rapidly than before? No - not at all. Somehow, it seems, the only thing we achieved by making the unemployed more desperate was deepening their desperation.

I'm sure that many people will simply refuse to believe what I'm saying about European strengths. After all, ever since the euro crisis broke out there has been a relentless campaign by U.S. conservatives (and quite a few Europeans too) to portray it as a story of collapsing welfare states, brought low by misguided concerns about social justice. And they keep saying that even though some of the strongest economies in Europe, like Germany, have welfare states whose generosity exceeds the wildest dreams of U.S. liberals.

But macroeconomics, as I keep trying to tell people, isn't a morality play, where virtue is always rewarded and vice always punished. On the contrary, severe financial crises and depressions can happen to economies that are fundamentally very strong, like the United States in 1929. The policy mistakes that created the euro crisis - mainly creating a unified currency without the kind of banking and fiscal union that a single currency demands - basically had nothing to do with the welfare state, one way or another.

The truth is that European-style welfare states have proved more resilient, more successful at job creation, than is allowed for in America's prevailing economic philosophy. □

# Complaints, Warnings over Replenishing Fire Island Dunes

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**DAVIS PARK, N.Y.** - As a longtime summer resident of Fire Island, Robert Spencer was in favor of the federal government's \$170 million effort to replenish the dunes washed away during the ravages of Hurricane Sandy.

He understood that some beloved beach houses might have to be demolished or moved to create a new dune line designed to safeguard the barrier island and the southern shore of mainland Long Island.

But one of those homes is his: a small, weathered house on tall stilts with a wraparound ocean view.

"It's wrenching," he said, looking around what he calls his "shack," where he has spent summers since 1957. "If you're as old as I am, you don't want to pick up and move. You'll never be able to recreate it."

Nevertheless, Spencer, 85, supports the dunes project, which is scheduled to begin after Labor Day and last perhaps into 2016. "If the ocean is rising as much as people think, then you don't want houses this close to the water," he said.

Still, the project, guided by the Army Corps of Engineers, has drawn complaints and warnings from others, not just from the 41 homeowners whose houses are slated for relocation or destruction or the 700 others who have to grant easements so dunes can be built up on their properties.

Skeptics, including the Newsday editorial board, contend that in a time of climate change and rising seas, dune restoration will be needed every few years. While acknowledging the need for dune replenishment, they argue that federal officials should focus on long-term measures to protect all of Long Island's South Shore, like a larger \$700 million project to restore marshes, and elevating houses and roads - not just devote their energy to what some cynics say is a sandbar studded with second homes.

The state branch of the National Audubon Society claims the project will disturb the piping plover, a fussy, frenetic, endangered shorebird that nests in flat beach sand. (The corps has already agreed not to tamper with the dunes between April 1 and Oct. 1, the plover's nesting season.) And many residents on Fire Island and the South Shore complain that the project has taken too long

To prevent such mutilation in the future, the corps project calls for a line of 15-foot-high dunes in some places and 13-foot-high dunes in others, all fronted by sloping beach. The line would stretch with some gaps for 12.5 miles of the island's 30 miles between Fire Island Inlet near Robert Moses State Park and Moriches Inlet near Smith Point County Park.

The project would require 7

than a dozen government agencies - federal and local as well as the Fire Island National Seashore (the island is an inhabited national park) - have had to sign off. An environmental assessment statement has to be finalized before contracts can be let out for bids.

Officials shepherding the project have to proceed with delicacy because Fire Island's homeown-

of 12,000 year-round residents was singularly low-lying.

"The piping plover can find another location to nest while we protect the people," he said.

Jillian Liner, director of bird conservation for the state's Audubon Society, said she was not opposed to putting up dunes to protect houses on Fire Island itself, but the argument for building dunes to protect the



**Robert Spencer in front of his beach house in Davis Park, on Fire Island, N.Y., in May, 2014. Spencer's house might have to be demolished as part of the government's plan to replenish dunes washed away by Hurricane Sandy at Fire Island.**

(Karsten Moran/The New York Times)

to get underway, forcing homeowners to endure two hurricane seasons and possibly more without adequate protection.

On Oct. 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy washed over much of Fire Island, which is made up of 17 communities, including two villages, Saltaire and Ocean Beach, with a total of 4,000 homes. It flattened dunes and breached the island, slicing a new inlet on the eastern end that permits the ocean water to mix with that of the Great South Bay. Seven houses in Davis Park were destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. In Saltaire, 100 of the 420 homes were flooded, according to Robert L. Cox III, the village's mayor.

million cubic yards of sand, most of it dredged from the sea bottom and pumped onto the shore.

In mid-May, Suffolk County put forward a bill to spend \$46 million to buy the affected properties - the county's obligation under the project agreement - with the money eventually being reimbursed by the federal government, said Gil Anderson, the county's public works commissioner. Some homeowners are worried that the prices they will be offered for their homes will be based on post-Hurricane Sandy values, not the more valuable pre-storm prices.

The project has taken so long partly because more

ers are passionate about their plots of sand, beach houses and bayberry shrubs. They relish their summertime rituals - wheeling carts off the ferry loaded with groceries, plantings and furniture; clomping down to the beach in sandals along rickety wooden walkways; cleaning off the sand in outdoor showers; letting children run free on carless roadways.

Communities like Mastic Beach, Center Moriches and Remsenburg on the South Shore of Long Island that were flooded by Hurricane Sandy are also eager for the project to be expedited. Frank Fugarino, a homeowner in Mastic Beach, pointed out that his village

South Shore was a weak one; the inlets, she said, produce most of the floodwaters, so sandy places like Smith Point County Park should be left flat and without vegetation - the way plovers like their nesting areas.

The dunes need to be in an unruffled line because a ragged series of dunes would erode much faster, said Chris Gardner, a spokesman for the corps. There have been several dune "renourishment" projects in the past two decades, according to Suzy Goldhirsch, president of the Fire Island Association, the last one costing \$21 million, a large part of which was paid for by residents. □